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## West Point Godown Fire

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Firemen concentrated on the outbreak from all directions with every available hose. All of the island's fire appliances were sent to deal with the outbreak. Operations were under the direction of Mr. C. W. Brand, Deputy Chief Officer.

### Fire Floots

Two fire floats were moored along the water front and poured thousands of gallons of sea water into the main godown.

The fire, which spread so rapidly within two hours that hope of saving the building gradually diminished. Efforts were then concentrated in keeping the fire from intensifying and spreading to the adjoining buildings, one of which was the head office of the Royal Inter-Ocean Lines.

Earlier in the day, the Royal Inter-Ocean Lines officials had removed the essential documents as a precautionary measure. The Gas Company had also cut off the gas supply in the area.

Firemen fought the fire on the ground floor of No. 303, Des Voeux Road West, where the explosion occurred for seven hours before getting it under control. It burned like a furnace. By four p.m., the fire in the Des Voeux Road building was under control. The interior of the main godown building behind on the waterfront, however, was burning furiously with flames leaping from every window, of the five-storey block and black and white smoke belching high.

The Royal Inter-Ocean offices were in danger of catching fire several times during the day when the wind changed direction. At one time or the part of the firemen who played as many hoses as possible on the walls and windows whenever such a danger cropped up saved the building from being involved.

The water poured into the windows of the burning godown flowed out of the building's main door bringing with it charred boxes and yellow and green dyes.

The road which had been dug up for repairs in front of the godown was soon a lake of green and yellow-coloured water. Working knee-deep in this lake, the firemen's uniforms were changed from khaki to green. Their faces were also stained.

Several dull explosions were heard coming from inside the

## \$10 Million Blaze



Billows of smoke are seen emanating from the main godown on West Point as one of the worst fires in Hong Kong's history raged with unabated fury all day yesterday and throughout last night.—"China Mail" Photo.

blazing building. The police, suspecting there were drums of oil in the building, advised shops and residents to take precautions against falling masonry in the event of an explosion.

Several people left their residences and shops moved tables, chairs and counters further inside their premises. They also piled up tins of water as a precautionary measure.

Working since 8 a.m. without any rest, seven firemen collapsed and had to be sent to hospital. Police ordered 50 constables to the scene to take over under the directions of the Fire Brigade officials when it became evident that the firemen were beginning to feel exhausted.

Another witness said he was awakened by the sound of a terrific explosion. From the verandah of his flat he saw flames shooting out of Godown No. 5, which is on the ground floor of the building housing employees of the Wing On Company. The flames spread rapidly through the whole ground floor and to the upper floors. The heat was so intense that he could feel it 30 yards away.

Inmates of buildings along Des Voeux Road, West, he said stamped out, into the road. Those above the burning godown looked desperately from verandahs on the first, second and third floors for a way to escape.

### Rush For Safety

Those on the second and third floors, he added, began throwing their belongings on to the road and scrambled down the fire-escapes to the first floors. Many were injured during the rush for safety, he said.

He saw screaming women, holding babies tightly, scale down fire-escapes. Some of the men were calm and helped the women.

It was chaotic he said, with people screaming and shrieking. Victims of the fire detained at Queen Mary Hospital, seen by the "China Mail" yesterday afternoon, were still too dazed to speak. Many of them were badly burnt and had their faces heavily bandaged.

All agreed that the fire spread with lightning rapidity, and before they knew what had happened they were trapped, with all exits cut off.

"Most of us were still asleep," said Ng Kwong, a waiter of the Kum Ling Hotel. "I live with my wife on the second floor of No. 353, Des Voeux Road West. I was awakened by the call of 'fire,' and found the stairway already on fire."

### Broke Leg

"We went to the back and climbed down the water pipe. I slipped after passing the first floor and sprained my ankle. My wife jumped after reaching the first floor from which flames shot out. She broke her leg."

Everyone in our flat escaped, with the exception of two babies who, I am afraid, must have perished."

Ng pointed to his fellow tenants in the same ward who were all heavily bandaged.

As residents in buildings nearby started to evacuate and remove their personal belongings and bedding at about 3 p.m., the larger Chinese restaurants in the vicinity began laying out their own private fire hoses, on the

different floors to deal with any emergencies resulting from the fire.

An amusing interlude occurred about 4 p.m. when clouds of smoke began to issue from the lane behind the block of buildings between the Gas Company and Hill Road. Cries of "fire" were heard and as several already overworked firemen and police officers rushed to the spot, there was a mad stampede by residents in houses along Hill Road.

On investigation, it was found that the smoke was caused by a Chinese woman occupying one of the houses near the end of the lane. She was cooking her evening meal with wet wood.

### Rest Centre

The Kwong Chow Restaurant, one of the largest in West Point, under the management of Mr. Lai Wo-po, was turned into an emergency rest depot and throughout the whole day, members of the various organisations helping fight the fire were provided with free meals and refreshments.

The weary firemen and police found this place a restful spot after their arduous work and were grateful for the facilities granted them.

The Kong Ah Restaurant on the other side of the road was also turned into an emergency canteen.

Intermittent small explosions were heard by spectators who thronged the area just before the fire works.

The pitiful howling of a dog, which had been apparently trapped in one of the buildings, was heard throughout the afternoon. It could not be found.

Late in the afternoon, three lorries drew up near the Tram terminus at the foot of Hill Road. A party of coolies, assisted by several Europeans, began a hasty removal of the remaining files and documents from the building occupied by the Royal Inter-Ocean Company.

The Wing On Company said that only commercial goods, including sharks' fins, old newspapers, scrap paper and cotton yarn were stored in the godowns.

The general cargo, the "China Mail" was, told, belonged to several companies and was insured by their respective owners.

Each godown comprises three sections. Godowns 2, 3 and 4 are of reinforced concrete. They were newly built and face the waterfront.

Godown 5 occupies the ground floor of a five-storey Chinese

## REVISION OF TRAFFIC RULES UNDERTAKEN; ANNOUNCEMENT DUE

A comprehensive revision of traffic regulations is being undertaken and a public announcement will shortly be made giving details of Government's complete scheme.

This statement was made by the Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, in Legislative Council yesterday in reply to questions put by Mr. P. S. Cassidy.

Mr. Cassidy asked whether it was Government's intention to revise the present traffic regulations, which were drawn up in 1935 and 1937, to bring them in line with requirements of the present greatly increased volume of traffic.

Mr. Barnett added that it is proposed that there shall be separate parking places for use by private motor vehicles, motor-driven vehicles and taxis-cabs respectively. Trade vehicles will continue to be allowed to load and unload in the centre of the town but parking will be restricted to areas outside the centre district.

In view of the congestion in parking spaces it is considered necessary that the control of parking areas should remain wholly with the traffic authorities, in handling the city's traffic problems, they will however welcome the co-operation of the Hong Kong Automobile Association in whatever manner may seem suited to the public interest.

## New Bills Pass First Reading

Mr. D.M. MacDougall, C.M.G., Officer Administering the Government, presided at yesterday's session of Legislative Council.

The Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, was sworn in as a member of Council.

Two new Bills passed their first reading. They were the Banking (Amendment) Ordinance, 1948, and the British Cigarette Company Limited (Capital Conversion) Ordinance 1948.

Introducing the Banking Bill the Acting Attorney General, Mr. G. E. Strickland, said he had nothing to add to the objects and reasons attached to the Bill, except to explain that under the Ordinance as it stands at present, banks are required to exhibit their balance-sheets but not required to file copies thereof. The amending Ordinance provides for the filing of such balance-sheets to the Financial Secretary.

The British Cigarette Company Bill, which seeks to convert the capital of the company from Mexican dollars to Hong Kong dollars, was introduced by Mr. D. F. Laidlaw, and seconded by Mr. T. N. Chau.

Council also passed into law the Railway Amendment Ordinance 1948 which seeks to prevent smuggling and carriage of contraband on the railway.

A motion proposed by the Acting Attorney General, and approved by Council, changed the style of Statistical Officer to Government Statistician, and Statistical Office to Department of Statistics.

## Personalia

The Chief Justice, Sir Leslie Gibson, K. C. accompanied by Mr. H. W. Lattimer visited Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday afternoon.

On arrival, Sir Leslie was met by Mr. J. Wicks, and a tour of the courts were made.

The magistracy staff were all introduced to Sir Leslie.

Mr. Tip, the chief interpreter remained to Sir Leslie of a very old Chinese saying, that when an important personage comes on a tour, wind and rain always accompany him.

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Butler, Lieut. and Mrs. W. D. Polk, Mrs. J. A. Hensleigh, Messrs. T. L. Lohse, G. G. Mayan and R. H. N. Saunders.

Arrival at the Peninsula Hotel on Tuesday included Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Grimin, Mrs. C. S. Tay, Messrs. R. N. Soergel, J. J. Brennan, A. C. Shelton, W. H. T. Wei, and F. W. Kendall.

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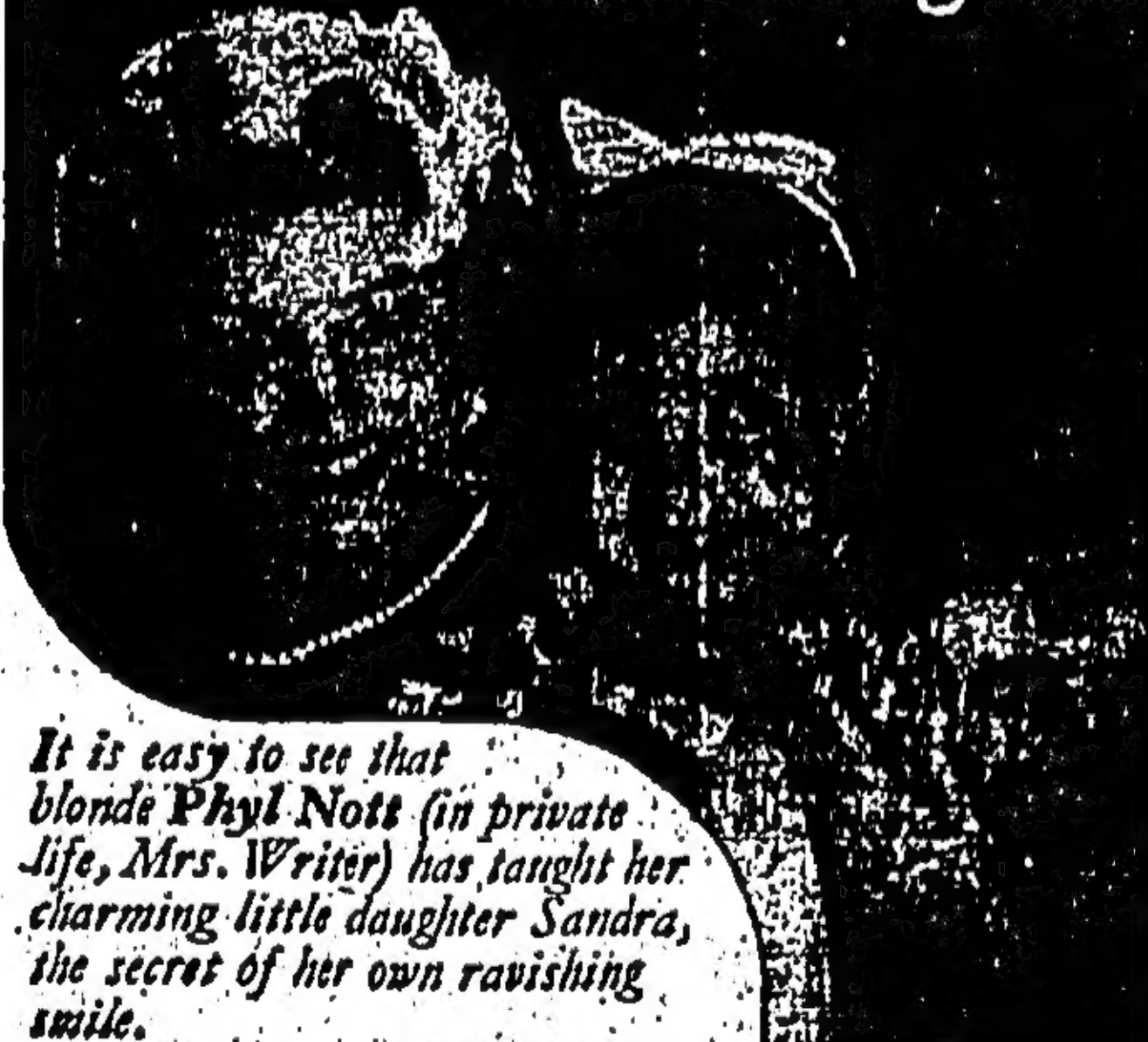
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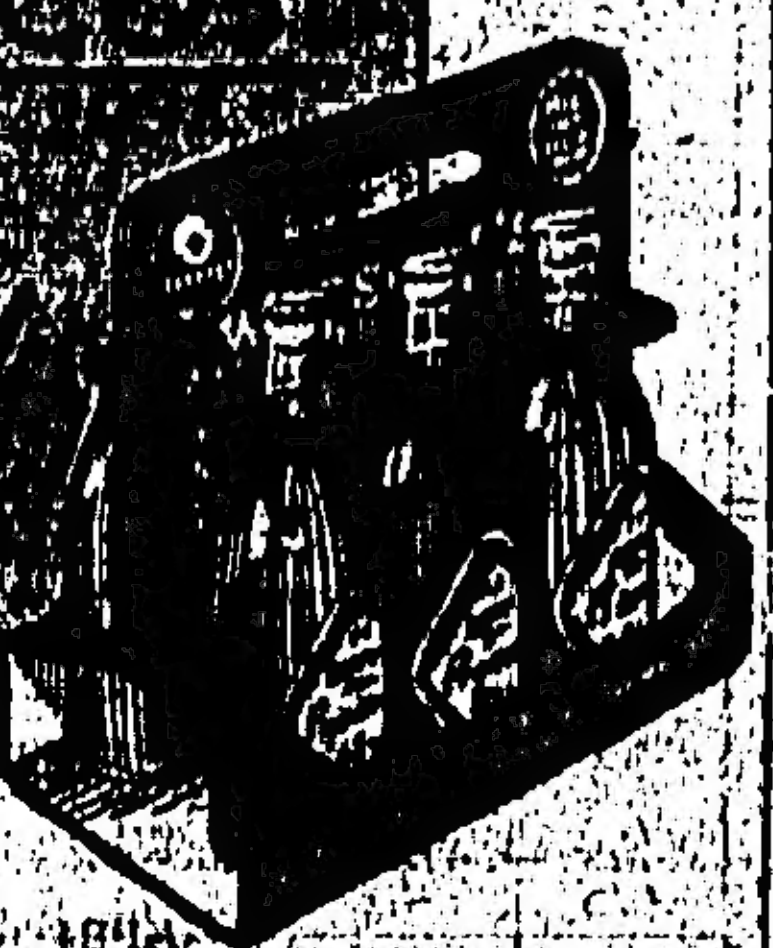
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# COMMITTEE ADVOCATED TO ARRANGE COLONY PARTICIPATION IN BIF

That Government should set up a permanent committee to arrange for Hong Kong's participation in the British Industries Fair, was among the recommendations submitted by the British Industries Fair Committee.

It was recommended that the proposed committee should be composed of one member appointed by the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, one from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, one from the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce, one from the Chinese Manufacturers' Union, and one from the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner.

The Superintendent of Imports and Exports was recommended as convenor. The report of the Committee was tabled at Legislative Council yesterday.

The Acting Colonial Secretary, Mr. K. M. A. Barnett, told Council that Hong Kong's stall, which occupied a space of 400 square feet, gave a fairly representative selection of local manufactures, and from all accounts was a success. It was an experiment which was well worth while. The main object, that of bringing Hong Kong before the eye of buyers at home and overseas, had been achieved, and the experience gained would be of value in making future exhibitions still more successful.

The recommendations of the Committee, appearing on pages 15 to 20 of the report, had been accepted by Government and would be implemented, said Mr. Barnett.

A space of 100 square feet, which would be nearly twice that occupied this year, had been asked for next year's exhibition. The report states in part:

The exhibits sent to London were a fair representation of the goods manufactured in Hong Kong. The Chinese Manufacturers' Union exhibited the following products on behalf of their members:

## Series Of Photographs

In addition, the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank sent a large coloured drawing of the bank premises, the "China Mail" exhibited a series of photographs of the Colony, and the Kowloon Docks had on show a chart showing the extent and facilities of their dockyard. The Imports and Exports Department showed a series of charts taken from Mr. Davis' book, showing the movement of trade and shipping through Hong Kong in the 1930's, and the Fisheries Department sent a model of a fishing junk and charts showing the various types of fish caught in Hong Kong waters.

The Fair opened on May 3 and until it closed on May 14, there was a constant stream of visitors to the Hong Kong stand. It was the confirmed opinion of all who were present at that stall that a greater interest was shown by buyers in the Hong Kong stand than in any other stall in the Empire Section. It is estimated that on average 25 buyers each day made serious enquiries covering a large range of products.

Enquiries were received from buyers trading in the following areas in addition to the U.K., Ireland, France, Belgium, Holland, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Portugal, South Africa, Nigeria, Trinidad, Egypt, Gibraltar, Malta, Ceylon, Iran, Jamaica, India, Burma, and New York. On Tuesday, May 4, the King and Queen, Queen Mary and Princess Margaret, and Mr. Harold Wilson (President of the Board of Trade) visited the Commonwealth and Empire Section. Her Majesty the Queen stopped for ten minutes at the Hong Kong stall and talked to

the Representatives of the Hong Kong Manufacturers Union, Her Majesty showed particular interest in the ginger exhibited by the Ginger Association.

## World Shortages

Observers on the spot have recorded the following opinions of the various manufactures which were exhibited. Needles, wood screws and buttons, attracted a lot of attention and owing to the world shortages delivery dates of these items were of more importance than prices which were generally considered satisfactory. Hurricane lanterns attracted attention from Africa and the Continent, but charcoal iron was not much in demand. Silk goods invited a number of enquiries but the main difficulty here will probably be the necessity of obtaining import licences into the countries of destination. Vacuum flasks and flashlights were much in evidence but there was some criticism of prices with regard to the smaller sizes. Rubber footwear was sought by Scandinavian and other Continental countries, and some business may be expected in these lines. Toilet Soap attracted enquiries but the general comment seemed to be that the price was too high.

Canned foods were in demand from countries with Chinese populations, while paints were stated to be too expensive. Glasses were a most attractive exhibit and there is little doubt that the Fair was a means of introducing this product to continental countries and the United Kingdom who had tended to neglect it since the war. It was thought that some trade should be expected in knitwear, toys and miscellaneous goods, but prices must be lowered in future if markets are to be held.

## Revised Opinion

There is no doubt that the Representatives who visited the Fair and who toured British Industrial Centres came away with a revised opinion on industrial organisation. The very size of the factories they visited, the methods which they were able to see in operation, and the conversation which they had with British businessmen, have given them a new outlook on industry which is bound to affect their attitude towards local industry. All the representatives admit that this visit has been an education which has shattered any complacency they might previously have entertained concerning the future organisation of Hong Kong's industry.

Hong Kong industry is not going to be scrapped and rebuilt overnight, but the preliminary thoughts have been instilled into the minds of our visitors that progress is necessary if Hong Kong is going to keep its place in the industrial world.

The Committee then made the following recommendations:

In view of the success of this our first venture, it is perhaps unnecessary that the Committee should record that its first recommendation is that Hong Kong should participate in the British Industries Fair to be held in 1949.

**Prepared For Exhibition**

We are of the opinion that the arrangements in Hong Kong should be organised as early as possible in order to be prepared

for the Exhibition in time. In this connection, it should be pointed out that in view of the time which is necessary for firms to prepare their exhibits, the Committee to develop the necessary show-rooms, all of which must follow on a firm decision having been made to participate, it is desirable that the organisers should be in office at the earliest possible moment.

The Committee therefore recommends that a permanent British Industries Fair Committee be set up by the Government. The composition of this Committee would include one member appointed from the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, one from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, one from the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce, and one from the Chinese Manufacturers' Union.

The Superintendent of the Imports and Exports Department should be the Convenor, and the United Kingdom Trade Commissioner should also be asked to join the Committee. In order to preserve continuity from one Committee to another, it is suggested that the Secretary to the Committee should be the Secretary of the Imports and Exports Department.

## Expenses

There will, however, be expenses such as advertising, postage, and printing, which will have to be met in the early stages of the Committee's work, and the Committee recommends that a sum to meet such expenses should be included in the estimates of the Imports and Exports Department each year. These expenses should be recoverable from the exhibitors at a later date.

We further recommend that organised business associations in the Colony should bring to the notice of their members the desirability of exhibiting at the British Industries Fair. The Committee is not convinced that there is no room for an ordinary business firm at the Exhibition.

While it might be difficult to show any particular object, it ought to be possible for such firms to present an attractive display card showing the lines in which they are interested, and perhaps the agencies which they represent. It should be noted in this connection that buyers at the Fair are looking for exporters of produce, not necessarily the actual producers, and exhibitors elsewhere in the Fair may be looking for agents to show their wares in new markets.

## Tax And Duty

To exhibitors of actual commodities we would recommend that exhibits should not exceed one of each particular item. The British Customs officials levy purchase tax and customs duty on any articles which are given away as samples and it is unwise to distribute such samples at the Fair. Moreover, it adds to packing costs, and makes storage difficult in the limited space available at the Fair.

We also recommend that a commercial guide to Hong Kong should be published. This would contain in some detail the various shipping, storage, banking and insurance facilities which are available in Hong Kong and some account of Hong Kong's industries. In addition, it would give the official requirements govern-

ing factory operation, labour laws, import duties and import and export regulations. Statistics showing the movement of trade should be included.

In conclusion, we would state that this first venture at the British Industries Fair, had been well worth while. We feel, however, that the potential value of the Fair has not been exploited to the full. As our experience at the British Industries Fair widens, it should be possible to utilise the Fair to show to the world the value of Hong Kong as a productive and distributing centre for the Far East and we believe that money spent on a venture of this kind will pay rich dividends in the future political and economic prosperity of our Colony.



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## Reminders

**Today**  
Y's Men's Club 1 meeting, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.  
Kowloon Rotary Club luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.  
St. Thomas More Association meeting, lecture on "Anti-gangsterism—The Co-operative and Adult Education Movement" by Rev. Fr. Kevin O'Dwyer, S.J., Mahjong-bridge Drive, European YMCA, 2.30 p.m.  
Swimming Championship heats, Victoria Recreation Club, 6 p.m.

**Coming Events**  
**TOMORROW**  
Hong Kong Light Orchestra, 8 p.m.  
**SATURDAY**  
H.K. Football League Season Opens.  
**SUNDAY**  
Classical Concert, Tse H. Club, Taiat House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

## 6 Weeks For Larceny Of Wrist Watch

Tam Shu, aged 21, was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour and banishment by Mr. J. Wicks at Kowloon yesterday when he was charged with larceny of a wrist watch from Tam Moon by trickery.

In prosecution, Sub-inspector Evans stated that on September 9 complainant, who was friend of defendant, met him in Nathan Road, where they went into the Singapore Cafe. Defendant then asked complainant for the loan of \$10, telling him that he had a job which he could not do without the money.

Complainant was then offered a job, after which defendant went away taking with him complainant's wrist watch which he borrowed in order that he might be able to know the time.

After waiting for a long time complainant went to look for defendant but found that he had gone.

Some time afterwards complainant came upon defendant walking in Connaught Road Central, and had him arrested.

The wrist watch which defendant purloined for \$10 at the Chi Cheong Pawnshop, was later recovered.

One thousand and twenty-nine births were registered in Hong Kong during the week ended September 11, according to an official statement yesterday.

Deaths in the same period were 310, of which 33 were tuberculosis victims.

## Alleged Swindle Case Opens At Central; 4 Appear

The case of an alleged swindle of \$20,000 began at Central yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

Involved in the case are Yip Fuk-chor alias Yip Puk-shon, Lee Chung, Tong Man-kin and Yip Ying-ho. All of them are charged with conspiring together and with others not in custody between August 1-13 to fraudulently obtain sums of money from Yau Cheng Hwa and obtaining by means of a trick \$20,000 from Yau Cheng Hwa on August 13.

In charge of the prosecution is Mr. H. Woodhead.

Mr. M.A. da Silva is for the defence.

Opening the case, Mr. Hooten said that complainant had been in the Colony for about one and half years waiting for the Chinese Government. He was formerly an officer in the Chinese Army.

## Talk Business

On August 8 a man called Ma, whom complainant knew as a broker, came and visited him and asked him to go to the Gloucester Lounge to meet some of his friends who wanted to talk business with him, as they knew he was shortly to go to America. You agreed to go with him.

The next day he went to the Gloucester Lounge and met two men who were introduced as Tong and Fung. They spoke of agricultural machinery, which the two men who said they were managers of the Luen Wahlung sold.

The next day they went to 142 Connaught Road Central (first floor) where he was introduced to the three defendants.

## Agent in America

They spoke about business and said that they wanted to have an agent in America and that they had some business to finish there. At a later meeting it was agreed upon that complainant should get 10 per cent of the net profit he made while in America. He was then shown some samples of Black Dragon Tea.

They arranged to have Yau meet the manager of the company, Mr. George Wong, who, they said was a multi-millionaire.

When he was introduced to Wong, Wong took out a wallet with about \$200,000 in it. He talked in big money and made a great impression on the complainant.

After Wong had left, the other men said that he was a great gambler and that only the night previous he had lost \$400,000 playing "Pai Kau". They said that they intended to cure him of his bad habit by playing cards with him making him lose

all his money and then when he thought he was without a cent they would give it back to him. You were asked to put up some money to make it look as though they were prepared to lose. You drew \$20,000 out of the bank and though he was asked for more, he gave them only \$20,000. The other men put up some money and altogether there was about \$50,000 on the table.

## Win At First

When Wong came, they began to play cards and for the first nine games, Yau won. On the tenth game the tables were turned and he lost everything to Wong, who, as soon as he won left the house taking the money with him.

The other men promised to get the money back again but only gave him \$4,000 and asked him to sign a paper saying he had received the full amount. He refused to do this and reported to the police.

On instructions from the police he asked them for the rest of the money but was given only \$1,000 more.

The four defendants were later arrested.

Corroborative evidence was given by the complainant and the case was adjourned until today.

## 2 Women Fined For Speeding

Mrs. Gordon Frisque of No. 5 Cumberland Road was summoned before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday with exceeding the speed limit of 20 MPH at Waterloo Road between Kwong Wah Road and Soates Avenue on August 18.

The prosecution alleges that she was then travelling at a speed of 35 mph.

Admitting the offence she said she was in a hurry to meet friends at Kai Tak.

She was fined \$25.

A similar offence was committed by Ella D. White of 24 Jubilee Building.

She was summoned for exceeding the speed limit on August 21 when she was travelling from Shan Tung Street to Waterloo Road.

The speed limit was 30 MPH and she was alleged to have travelled at 40 MPH.

Also admitting the offence, she said she did not know there was a speed limit in that area.

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Inspector Howarth prosecuted in both cases.



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# US INSISTS GERMAN INDUSTRIES REMAIN

London, September 21.

The United States was reported on Thursday to be insisting upon curtailment of the Western Power programme for dismantling German industries.

Diplomatic officials said U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall has rejected British Foreign Secretary Mr. Bevin's protests against the American proposal. Mr. Marshall, they said, did so in a personal letter which Mr. Bevin received three days ago.

## CARGOES LOADING AGAIN

San Francisco, September 21.

Military and commercial cargoes were loaded aboard Pacific Coast merchant ships today for the first time since 28,000 dock workers walked out on September 2.

In the first break in the West Coast supply program, striking CIO Longshoremen went to the docks to prepare vessels to load ships for immediate sailing to Pacific ports with vital supplies. Development in the 20-day strike by five maritime unions included:

1. A Seattle dockworkers' union announced that dock workers had agreed to handle \$50,000,000 worth of "strikebound" salmon at the Seattle wharves. It was believed this would be the first commercial cargo moved since the maritime union strike began.

2. A longshoremen's union said the union would clean 10 carloads of heavy machinery destined for Greece and Turkey as urgent equipment. They made no arrangements for handling the machinery, but said they would let the Government remove it from behind Los Angeles picket lines.

3. Loading of Army ships was underway at Seattle. San Francisco and Seattle are under a "military truce" that cut dock workers back to work for independent contractors. Striking unions also had reportedly made arrangements for the Navy to get "emergency papers" for loading military tankers.

4. Negotiations between unions and the waterfront employers' association remained deadlocked.

Meanwhile, it was said feeling was slowly gathering in the circles that the end objective of the WPA and Pacific American Steamship Owners Association was complete destruction of maritime unions. Both organizations had announced after the beginning of the strike that they would have no further dealings with the IWW and other unions until their leaders had signed non-Communist affidavits.—United Press.

## FOUR NEW OFFICES FOR MEDIATORS

Washington, September 21.

The Federal Mediation Service which tries to prevent strikes today announced the creation of four more regional offices to give faster and more direct service in labor disputes. The new offices are at Detroit, Seattle, Houston and Washington.

The mediation director, C. S. Ching, said the move is designed to increase the effectiveness of the Service.—United Press.

## RADIO

This is Radio Hong Kong broadcasting on a frequency of 845 kilocycles per second and on 0.52 megacycles per second in the 31 metre band.

H.K.T.

12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.

12.35 p.m.—"New Music" (BBC).

1.00 p.m.—Marcel Proust at the Organ.

1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.30 p.m.—"Nothing But Music," Sidney Torch and the Queen's Hall Light Orchestra (BBC).

2.00 p.m.—Class Down.

6.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.

6.01 p.m.—"Off the Shelf."

6.30 p.m.—Music from the Films.

7.00 p.m.—"H.M.S. Goby" with Tommy Handley (BBC).

7.30 p.m.—La Demi-Heure Française (BBC).

8.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

8.15 p.m.—The New Concert Orchestra.

8.30 p.m.—"Britain in Music," A Musical Feature with the BBC Chorus and Orchestra. Soloists: Gene Kelly, Christopher Donaldson, Eileen Gedge, Trevor Jones and Robert Irwin (BBC).

9.15 p.m.—"Wanted on Vantage," A Mystery Play by Jack Shepherd. Episode 4: "The Reflections of Robson." Produced for the Hong Kong Stage Club, by Jack Shepherd (BBC).

9.45 p.m.—"Serenade to the Stars" (BBC).

10.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

10.15 p.m.—Weather Report.

10.16 p.m.—Sibelius: "En Sata"....New Symphony Orchestra.

10.30 p.m.—"Old Rocking Chair," George Melachrino and His Orchestra. Ditty: "Honey-Wheat" and Gordon Little. Introduced by Christopher Stone. (BBC).

11.00 p.m.—Radio News Reel (London Relay).

11.15 p.m.—Weather Report and Close Down.

## Roundup Of Burma Assassins

Rangoon, September 21.

Seven people have been arrested in connection with the assassination of U Tin Tut, Burma's first Foreign Minister, who died yesterday from wounds received in a grenade attack.

The Union Parliament today recorded its grief at U Tin Tut's death.

U. Thakun Nye, the Prime Minister, and other Cabinet Ministers paid tributes to their colleague, and the Speaker of the House was asked to convey condolences to U Tin Tut's family.

Burmese Government forces killed over 100 insurgents in a battle in Arakan, a Rangoon communiqué announced tonight.

Government troops also recaptured the town of Bogale, in the Irrawaddy Delta, after killing 30 insurgents.

Mopping up operations continued in the Bhamo district of the Delta, the communiqué added.

In the rice exporting port of Bhamo, members of the Karen National Union held a mass meeting and "prayed" for a Karen state without bloodshed.

An unofficial report said that two Chinese were killed when insurgents attacked the Syrian oil depot across the river from Rangoon last night.

A large number of casualties was inflicted on the insurgents, the report said.—Reuter.

Continued operation of the factories would keep Germany's industrial war potential at a high level and draw latter opposition from such countries as France and Belgium.

Removal of the factories to other countries would insure a continued contribution to Europe's recovery.—Associated Press.

## Film Provokes Mass Disorders

Brussels, September 21.

A number of people were injured in disorders in the centre of Brussels tonight as Communists tried to stage a demonstration—banned by the authorities—against the American film "The Iron Curtain" which was being shown in the city.

Some 500 policemen with batons drawn, faced about 1,000 demonstrators who twice attempted to storm the cinema.

After repeated baton charges the demonstrators were driven back, and later lemming into a side street.

More than 20 demonstrators were arrested.—Reuter.

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## Moslem League Rejects Plan

Asmara, Eritrea, September 21.

The Eritrean Moslem League has rejected M. Trypve, Lio, the Secretary General of the United Nations, rejecting the proposal for Ethiopian trusteeship of Eritrea, partition or annexation, because these were contrary to the wishes of the Moslem population, justice and democratic principles.

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## SOVIET-GERMAN PRESS ON KOREA WITHDRAWAL

Berlin, September 21.

All Soviet-licensed Berlin newspapers today gave prominence to Russia's decision to withdraw her occupation troops from Korea which they described as "a true reflection of Germany on the other side of the globe."

The official Soviet Tagliche Rundschau commented: "This decision is a natural sequence to the Soviet policy in Korea. But in Korea, as in Germany, the Americans are trying to transform their occupation zone into a colony."

"There is, however, this difference: In Korea, the American methods are more frank and more brutal. Both in Korea and in Germany, Soviet Russia stands up for the people and adheres to agreements."

The Socialist Unity Party newspaper, Neues Deutschland, said: "The news of Russia's decision to withdraw from Korea came in time for the opening of the United Nations Assembly in Paris. All problems to be discussed there do not interest us directly. The principal one, that of Germany, can be solved only by the four occupation powers themselves."

A commentary on the Russian-controlled Berlin Radio said the Russian occupation forces in Germany might be withdrawn within a year. Von Scholtz, the commentator, speaking of Russia's announcement that she would withdraw her occupation troops from Korea, said: "The development in the Soviet-occupied zone should be advanced to such an extent that the Soviet occupation forces, having full confidence in the German population, would be withdrawn within a year thus fulfilling the promise of the Soviet Government."—Reuter.

Mr. Chambers, who was speaking during the Australians' budget debate, said that Viscount Montgomery, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was a "great personal friend of Prime Minister Stalin, had often talked with him and probably knew more of the war potentialities of the world than any other man outside Russia."

Saying that "if we talked more of peace and less of war, our peace prospects would be better," Mr. Chambers declared that he believed the next war would be a "push button" war.

"Another configuration will be the end of civilization and perhaps the Almighty has given us one more chance to decide on war or peace," he added.—Associated Press.

ferences among military leaders. They included meetings at Key West, Florida, and Newport, where the chiefs decided "who does what with what weapon."

As strategy, the National Munitions Board is gathering a US\$700,000,000 stockpile of critical materials and preparing a programme of "ghost" orders to the industry in case of attack.—United Press.

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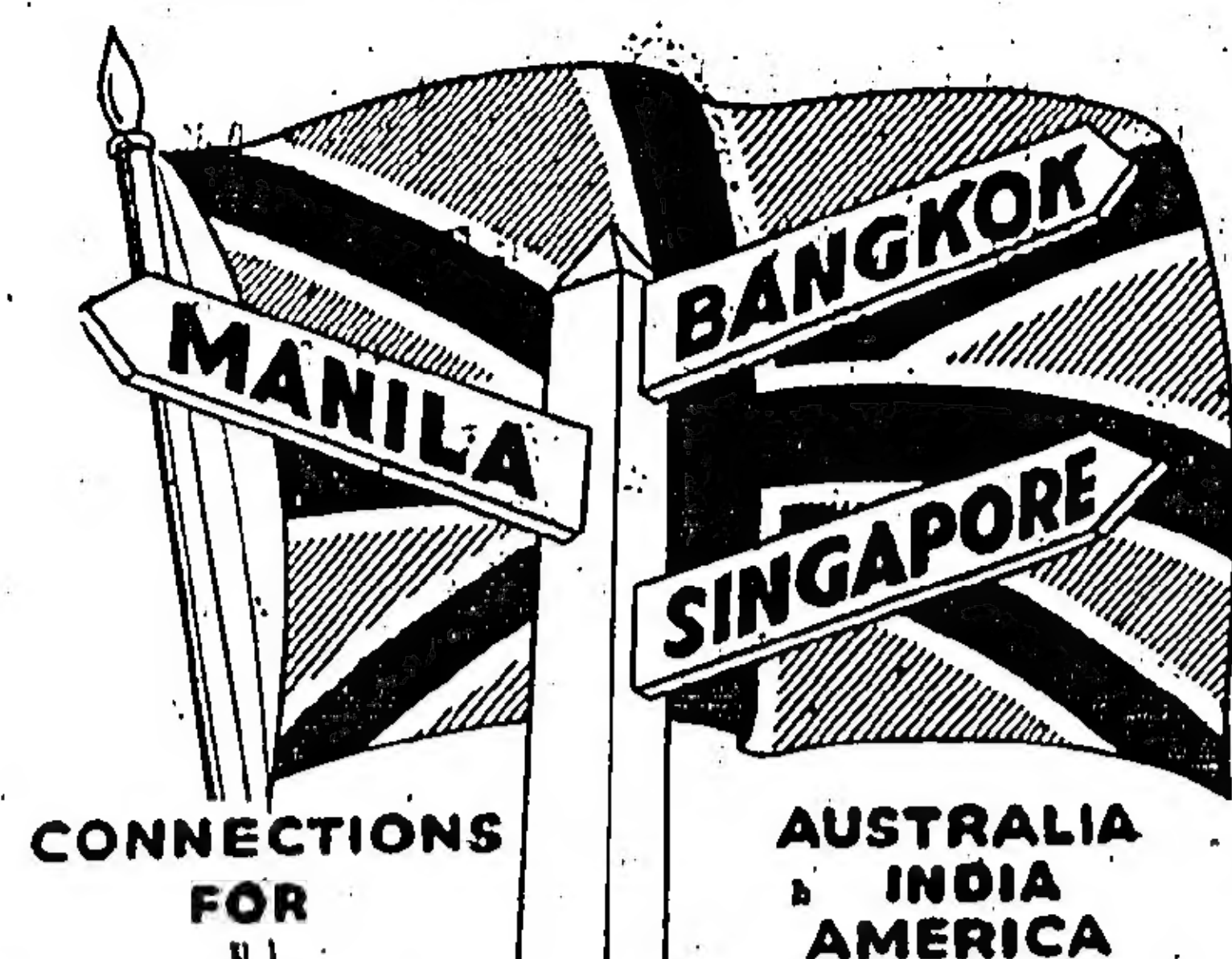
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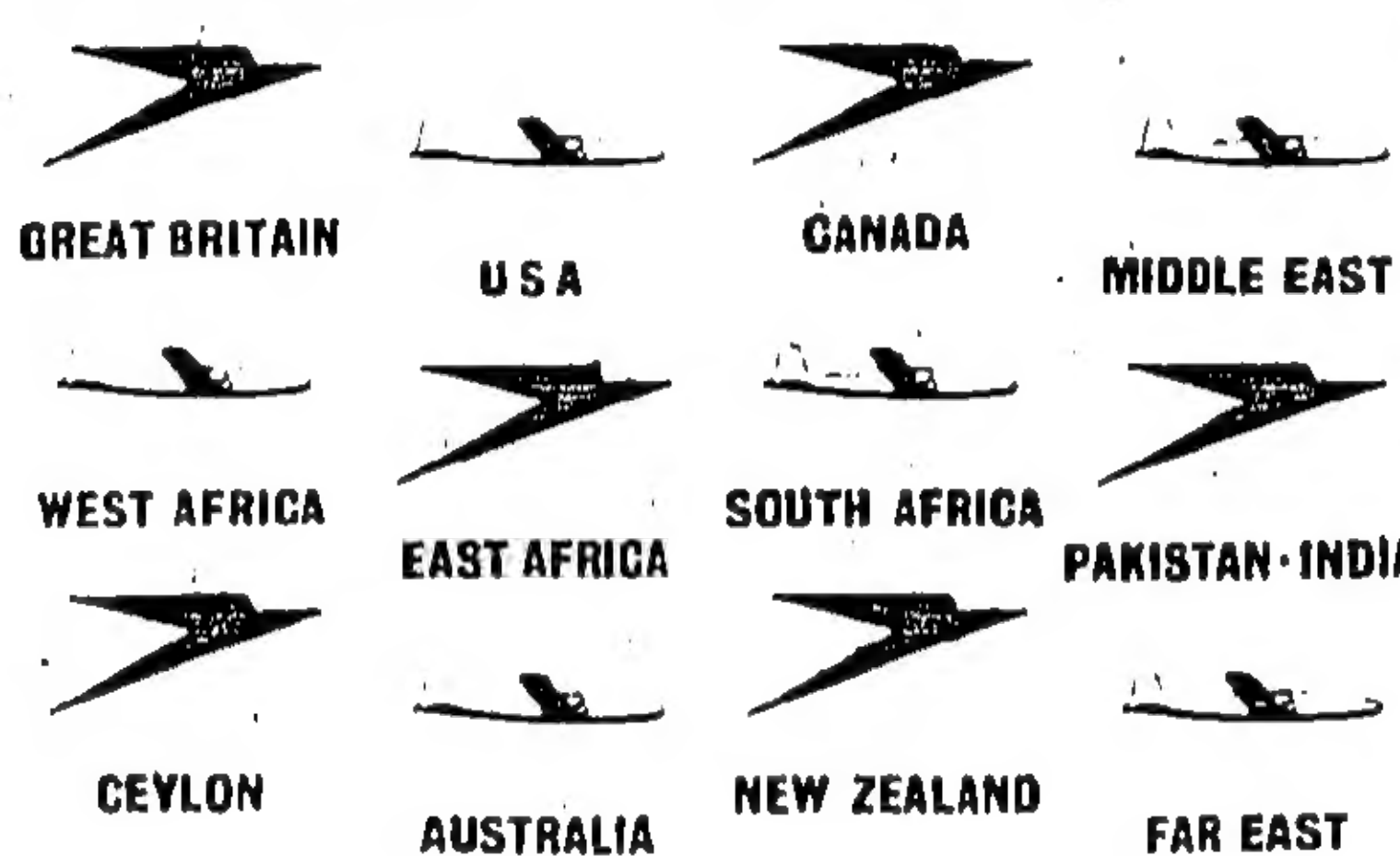
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## ITALIAN COLONIES

The United Nations Assembly has had another difficult item added to its already difficult agenda. It must now make a "recommendation" as to the disposal of the former Italian colonies. And this "recommendation" will, in fact, be a decision. For under Annex 11 of the Italian Peace Treaty, the "Four Powers" have agreed to "accept the recommendation and take appropriate measures for giving effect to it."

It has been, in fact, evident for a long time that responsibility for settling this difficult problem would be thrown on the Assembly. Under the terms of the Treaty, the "Four Powers" agreed that they would, within a year of the coming into force of the Treaty, "jointly determine the final disposal of Italy's territorial possessions in Africa". And if within a year, they could not agree then "matters shall be referred to the General Assembly of the United Nations".

It was from the beginning an admission of failure: of failure of the Foreign Ministers, during the months spent drafting the Treaty, to reach any kind of agreement on this question.

The intervening time has not been entirely wasted. "The deputies for the Italian colonies" have had innumerable discussions. The Commission of Investigation which was sent out to study conditions in the colonies themselves—and in particular to form some idea of the wishes of the inhabitants—has produced voluminous and workmanlike reports which will be available for the delegations to the Assembly. They register many disagreements among the Commissioners. But they provide, on the whole, an invaluable factual survey. And no delegation will be able to complain that it is being asked to make decisions without adequate factual evidence.

The end of this 12 months' effort has been a strange one. The "deputies" finished their work and reported failure to agree on September 1—14 days before the date when, in default of an agreement, the matter must pass out of the competence of the four Powers and into the hands of the Assembly.

On September 5, 10 days before the "dead-line", the Soviet Government proposed a meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers on the ground that this was required by the Treaty.

It was a curious move. Firstly, the Treaty does not require a formal meeting of the Council either to secure agreement or to register disagreement. The only reference to the Council in Annex 11 is a provision that the deputies shall consider the question "with a view to submitting to the Council of Foreign Ministers their recommendations". But that certainly does not make a meeting of the Council mandatory.

Secondly, to get the Foreign Ministers themselves to a conference at a few days' notice was obviously impossible, even had they been less preoccupied than they are at the moment with far more important matters.

Thirdly, the meeting would clearly be only a formality.

# CHINA'S BID FOR BALANCE OF TRADE

By  
**THOMAS ALDEGUER**

Preparations have been completed for the early implementation of a seven-point programme, mapped out by Mr. Chen Chien-tien, Minister of Commerce and Industry, designed to speed up production in Chinese industries and boost the nation's foreign trade.

Attention will be concentrated for the time being, mainly on the textile industry, which is intended to make the fulcrum of the country's overall economic reconstruction effort.

Once this goal is achieved, industrial and mining enterprises will come in for attention, followed by agriculture, sericulture and animal husbandry.

Mr. Chen, a leader of the Young China Party and one of the few non-Communist Ministers in China's first Constitutional Government, is said to be hopeful of establishing a reasonable protective policy for Chinese industries.

It was beyond possibility that the Ministers should agree in a few hours when—through their "deputies"—they had been disagreeing for over two years.

Nevertheless, the three Western Powers at once agreed to hold a meeting of the Council: with the proviso on the part of Britain and the U.S.A. that Mr. Ernest Bevin and Mr. George C. Marshall could not attend in person. There is precedent for this. M. Couve de Murville represented France in the Council meeting in New York in 1946 without any objection being taken. But this time the Soviet Government promptly announced that without the physical presence of all the four Ministers the meeting could not be regarded as a meeting of the Council.

It is an old manoeuvre of which the only visible purpose is to provide an opportunity for accusing the Western Powers of having violated the Peace Treaty. It was an opportunity which M. Andrei Vyshinsky, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Commissar, at once seized as if this were the main purpose for which he had come to Paris.

But the sequel was even stranger. When, after M. Vyshinsky had spent a day in arguing this point, the meeting got down to business on September 14—there was just one day to go. In the morning M. Vyshinsky simply repeated the familiar Soviet thesis that all the colonies should be placed under Italian trusteeship. In the afternoon he suddenly abandoned this thesis and proposed, instead, that Libya, Eritrea and Somaliland should each be placed under direct United Nations trusteeship. In each case there would be an administration appointed by the Trusteeship Council with an Advisory Council of representatives of each of the "four" of Italy and of local populations.

It was an idea which Mr. James Byrnes had put forward in the summer of 1946. M. V. M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, had then ridiculed it. No baby, he caustically remarked, could thrive with half a dozen nurses. Experts were unanimous in thinking it unworkable. And the United States had dropped the suggestion, accepting the view that however attractive in theory it would be it was in fact quite impracticable.

Yet this plan, unanimously abandoned two years ago, has now by an astonishing volte face—performed during one day—suddenly become the official and avowed Soviet policy. It will presumably be the solution which the Soviet bloc will advocate in the Assembly.

What is the motive behind all this? It seems to be to prevent the Assembly from reaching any decision. There was a hint in one of M. Vyshinsky's speeches that Russia may argue that the correct procedure has not been followed and that, therefore, the Assembly is not competent to handle the problem. It is an argument which might tempt delegations wishful of avoiding responsibility.

Failing that, the Russians may hope that, because of

industries under principles which are not in contravention of international co-operation.

In this connection he is reported to be ready to revise Customs tariffs.

Mr. Chen's programme, which is to be completed in the coming year, envisages the use of United States aid in developing communications and power resources and the textile, electrical, chemical and machine industries.

He hopes, among other things, that his plan will enable China to surpass the record figure of US\$30,000,000 worth of textiles exported last year.

## Shortage Of Experts

In other industries, however, development will be slower mainly because of the acute shortage of qualified technicians and engineers.

To meet part of the demand for technical experts, the National Resources Commission—which controls the majority of the nation's heavy industries and is co-operating to make the Commerce Ministry's scheme a success—has taken under its wing some 400 technicians who recently graduated from Chinese colleges and universities.

This technical force, after receiving further training, will be utilized in developing four vital industries—power, coal mining, petroleum and steel.

Mr. Wang Lun-seng, acting director of the Cotton, Yarn and Textile Board here, reveals that China's raw cotton supply for the next four months will just about meet her local needs, but that from March to November next year there will be a shortage of over 1,400,000 bales.

## "Not Mutiny—Crew Trouble"

London, September 21. Mutiny is reported to have broken out in the 7,175-ton Greek steamer, *Nicolas*, which has been in Oran, Algeria, since Sunday, according to a Lloyd's message. The *Nicolas*, bound from Rotterdam to the Piraeus, is owned by Lyros and Lemos Limited, London, whose spokesman in London denied tonight that there was a mutiny on board the vessel, saying: "It is not a mutiny—it is just crew trouble."

## UK VISIBLE ADVERSE TRADE BALANCE UP FIVE MILLION

London, September 21. The United Kingdom visible adverse balance of trade in August was £39,100,000, £5,500,000 above July and £800,000 higher than in June. Exports during August valued at £130,500,000 were £15,100,000 less than July and £3,500,000 less than June. The fall from July, however, was only about 3% by value in the daily rate as August had less working days.

Allowing for a rise in prices since 1938, the volume of exports in August is provisionally estimated at 133% of 1938, as compared with 149% in July and 150% in June. All three main classes of exports shared in the fall.

Ford, drink and tobacco at £8,800,000 were £900,000 below July and raw materials at £5,400,000 were £1,900,000 lower while

its theatrical attractiveness and of its giving smaller powers through the Trusteeship Council some voice in the administration, this new plan will secure quite considerable support. Not enough to carry it, but enough to prevent any other recommendation from securing the necessary two-thirds majority.

The result of such a deadlock in the Assembly would be confusion. All the machinery provided for in the Treaty would have broken down. And it may well be that the considered plan of the Kremlin is—since it cannot get its own way—to create the maximum of confusion.

He says that the prospects for this year's cotton crop hardly look bright, as all the main cotton-producing areas are affected by the Communist rebellion. He estimates that from 600,000 to 700,000 bales will be forthcoming from these areas for next year's use.

In order to meet the expected shortage of 1,200,000 bales next year, Mr. Wang suggests that the Government should requisition as much as possible of the next crop, and that at least 20 per cent of China's total cotton textile products should be exported in exchange for raw cotton.

At the same time, he thinks the Government should increase the raw cotton import quota.

Meanwhile, the Government is considering a plan to nationalise three of the four so-called "Government banks"—the Bank of China, the Bank of Communications and the Farmers Bank of China.

The fourth of the group, the Central Bank, is the only one that is wholly Government-owned.

Each of the first three mentioned financial institutions has a capital of 30,000,000 Chinese dollars based on the prewar valuation of the Chinese currency. Many of their shareholders are private citizens.

## "Government" Banks

Although almost invariably referred to as "Government banks", these three institutions are controlled by a small group of individuals who have served at one time or another in the role of bankers or as Government officials.

According to the Chinese Army organ, "Peace Daily", 22 of the 24 directors of both the Bank of China and the Bank of Communications are well known capitalists who have been in the business for several decades or who, at one time or another, have served as a Government official. The paper charges that being classified as "Government banks", these monetary houses have been reaping profits by enjoying the privileges reserved for that group.

Moreover, it asserts, many of the directors have interlocking interests in commercial banks, industrial enterprises and factories. With low government loans accessible to them, "they have been able to manipulate financial developments of this country to their own selfish advantage, which means they have been able to control commodity prices and speculation."

The Peace Daily claims the same handful of people who manage the three banks in question control, directly or indirectly, some 5,000 commercial banks in this country, and demands an immediate investigation into present banking practices in China.

—Reuter.

## Berlin Newspaper Claims Russians Arming Workers

Berlin, September 20.

The British licensed "Montags Echo" charged today that the Soviet authorities were arming workers in the Soviet zone and have approved plans for a similar move in Berlin. The newspaper predicted a Communist attempt to seize control of Berlin by force will follow.

It cited as substantiation for the story a statement allegedly made to a meeting of Communist functionaries by Hermann Matern, Berlin Communist leader and one of the Kremlin's fair-haired boys in Germany, who said: "We will have weapons quite legally when the situation here comes to a head."

The newspaper said the statement was authorised by a Soviet approved session of party chairmen on September 15-16 at which it was agreed to reinforce the Soviet sector German police with groups of armed "workers' trustees."

"Reports previously were received from Saxony and Thuringia that Communist functionaries and Communist advisers are practising shooting alongside police formations," the paper said.

"These developments confirm the Communists are preparing to seize power by force."

The Dena news agency said well informed quarters report that the Soviet military administration recently made available a large number of automatic pistols for Berlin and the Russian zone police.

Dena also claimed that special police troops had been concentrated in several centres in the Soviet zone under an alert to prevent "mass desertions by Soviet troops and to supervise the political training of the local police."

## Assembly To Meet

Meanwhile Berlin's City Assembly will meet late today at its

new headquarters in the British sector to consider the growing threat of the Soviets and Berlin's Communist minority to an orderly government.

Western newspapers reported that the Soviet military administration was considering bringing the city's Mayor and other outstanding non-Communists to trial before a Russian military court on a charge of Fascist provocations.

The "Montags Echo" said M. Ernst Reuter, elected Lord Mayor who has been denied office by Soviet opposition, the acting Mayor, H. Ferdinand Friedensburg, the Assembly President, M. Otto Suhr, the Socialist leader, M. Franz Neumann, and others who addressed the September 9 anti-Communist mass meeting in Berlin are marked by the Soviets for possible prosecution.

The "Montags Echo" also reported that Communist Party functionaries are boasting that the Soviets may try to cut off the Anglo-American airlift "by force."

American and British air force officials said there was no new evidence of any Soviet intention to interfere with the air supply route. The Soviet air manoeuvres, which last week placed scores of planes over Berlin, have ended, they said, and the situation along the air corridors was described as quite normal.

The Soviets applied for authority for five planes to cross the Western zones en route to the United Nations in Paris.—United Press.

## New Era In Dutch Colonial History

The Hague, September 20.

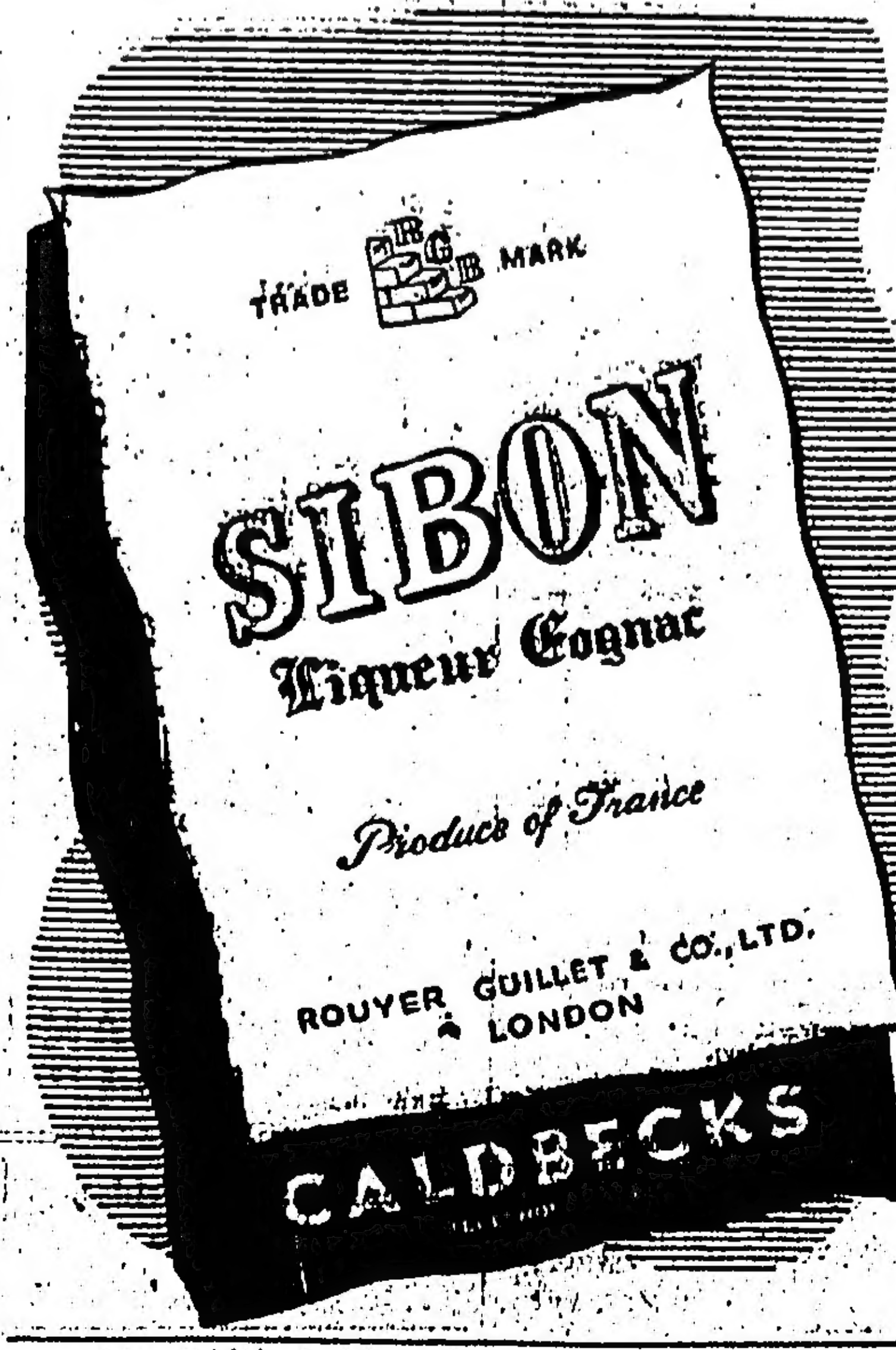
A new era in Dutch colonial life began today when acts of Parliament, giving new legal status to overseas territories, were read simultaneously in Holland and the Empire.

At The Hague, the new acts, which were passed by Parliament last month, will be read at a public session in the Court of Justice at the same time as in the other parts of the Kingdom.

Constitutional changes cover four bills, the most important in being that which adds a 14th chapter to give a new legal and independent status to the Dutch East Indies and Dutch West Indies, and by which a union will be established, which will be a prelude to the proposed United States of Indonesia.

Other bills to revise the constitution provide for an annual income to the abdicated Dutch ruler, the appointment of Secretaries of State to take over some more routine duties of Ministers and authority for any part of the territory or kingdom, under exceptional circumstances be taken over by specially appointed civil government organisations.

The last official act of Queen Wilhelmina on September 4 was to sign these bills, by which she constitutionally closed the epoch in Dutch history, which she herself had inaugurated. Almost her first official act in her speech from the throne in 1901, she announced a new policy by which the Netherlands constituted itself as the guardian of its colonies and colonial peoples and to educate them for the part they would later play in the kingdom.—Reuter.





# United Nations Assembly In Paris

## EVATT IS PRESIDENT AFTER CLOSE BALLOT

Paris, September 21. Delegates of the 58 United Nations in the Palais de Chaillot here today chose for President, the 53-year-old Australian Minister for External Affairs, Dr. Herbert Evatt, after a close run with a rival candidate, Dr. Juan Atilio Bramuglia, Argentine Foreign Minister.

Dr. Evatt won in a second ballot, the first proving indecisive. This was the first practical decision of the great gathering, which faced a 70-item agenda in its most fateful session since its foundation.

Earlier, the 50 rows of delegates stood in silence for a minute after hearing the Secretary-General, Mr. Trygve Lie, pay tribute to Count Folke Bernadotte and other United Nations officials killed in Palestine.

Mr. Lie said that the assassination of the Mediator and his chief observer, Colonel Andre Serot, was "an open defiance of their privileged position as neutral and unarmed officials" and that he would later put before the Assembly definite plans for a special United Nations guard to protect the safety of "its representatives."

The British, American and Russian delegations, set in the centre of the brightly-lit auditorium, facing the Presidential platform, which was hung with the flag of all countries represented, and the United Nations sign.

All places were allocated alphabetically. Dr. Juan Atilio Bramuglia, Argentine Foreign Minister, and temporary President of the Assembly, set the key note when he opened the session with the words: "I call you to peace. Men must understand that we cannot go on living along history's fateful progression from war to war, the world must be united to conquer, in a spirit of solidarity, all the most difficult questions that may come up for solution."

All entrance doors to the hall were guarded by helmeted French troops, with drawn sabres.

### Sharing A Table

The British and Russian delegates shared the same green table near the front of the floor, the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, sitting at the end, and the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr. Andrei Vyshinsky, at the other.

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After Dr. Evatt's election as President by 31 votes to 20, the Assembly chose a chairman for each of its six committees.

M. Paul Henri Spaak (Belgium), proposed by Belgium, was elected chairman of the important Political Committee by 48 votes against seven for Dr. Oscar Lange (Poland), proposed by Russia.

The other chairmen elected were: Economic and Financial Committee—Sinner Herman Santa Cruz (Chile); Social Committee—Dr. Charles Malik (Lebanon); Trusteeship Committee—Nasrallah Katusam (Iran); Administrative and Budgetary Committee—Mr. L. Wilgerson (Canada); Legal Committee—Dr. Ricardo Alfaro (Panama).

The Assembly then adjourned until tomorrow morning without electing the Vice-Presidents of the six committees.

**President Auriol**  
President Auriol, of France, told the General Assembly delegates: "The peoples of the world look to you as their supreme resort, as the fount of their hopes, as the guarantors of security and international justice."

"Millions of human beings, who want to be able to think of tomorrow without fear for their country, for their children, for their lives, their goods, are filled with anxiety lest this precious chance of peace is lost."

President Auriol added that common sense people are asking: "If it is true that all nations want peace, if it is true that all governments consider war to be ghastly and absurd, what then hinders the building of peace?"

"These people ask, he said, 'would not a small part of the resources and the virtues put forth in war suffice to assure for a long time political and economic co-operation between the nations?'"

**Material Strength**  
Bending earnestly towards the 50 rows of delegates in their plush theatre chairs, President Auriol declared: "Peace today depends on your strength—that is, on your material strength as envisaged in the United Nations Charter and which recent events demand should be built up as quickly as possible—and on your moral strength, which should be exalted by the memory of your birthright and the sacrifice of men and the grandeur of your ideal."

"The crowding difficulties which threaten us themselves render your organization more urgent and more necessary."

"Your greatest justification, and the profoundest reason for our confidence in you, is that, in a world where the life and well-being of every man of every nation, is linked to that of all men and of all nations, where the collapse of one point spreads over the globe, vital questions for humanity can only be solved on the level of the United Nations."

"International law alone can assure true independence, true liberty, and the true security of nations, because international law makes the individual's independence, liberty and security the inalienable possession of all."

"That is why France has solemnly declared in the foremost place in her constitution that 'under reserve of reciprocity, she is ready to cede the limitations to her sovereignty which are necessary for the organization and defence of peace.'"

**Way Of Reason**  
"What nation would feel humiliated or diminished because it defends its liberty in drawing together with others—because it preserves its independence and its security by linking them to those of others in common respect for law and international morality?"

"Is not this the way of reason? Is it not also the way along which we are drawn on the evolution of human society?"

"The demands of reality today, concord with the call of the ideal. To organize peace is to create an international law, an international law which your organization has the means to make respected."

"Peace is a great act of confidence and of boldness. To achieve it, we must have much wisdom, much patience, much firmness."

"To achieve this victory of peace, we must have all the enthusiasm all the faith which exalted us when we were fighting."

**Sense Of Urgency**  
Saying that the General Assembly must work under the sense of urgency, President Auriol added: "Misunderstandings increase, obstacles tighten up, negotiations hang, treaties have to be excluded, and solutions, once out of reach, must recede further and further into the distance, while speeches become more bitter and chaos continues."

"With anxiety we watch mistrust increase between the peoples whose blood in the times of adversity, sealed their trusting friendship."

President Auriol concluded with an assurance that France would contribute all she has, without hanging back, in the Assembly's task of building "up real, just, confident peace."

"If you achieve such peace," he said, "you will not only feel you have done your duty, you will be heaped with the joyous blessings of the mothers and children of the world."

Dr. Juan Bramuglia (Argentina), opening the General Assembly, said that they did not want any nation of the world to be excluded from the United Nations. There could be no chosen and no outcasts.

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Jewish forces mortared Mount Zion, and attacked with grenades, mines and small arms fire. The only Arab casualty was an irregular, the reports added."

Jamal Bey Hussaini, the Deputy Chairman of the Arab Higher Executive, flew to Baghdad today to discuss with the Iraqi Government the question of setting up a Palestine Arab Government.—Reuter.

**Suez Canal Board**  
London, September 21. It is learned that the British Government will object to the Egyptian proposal that the Suez Canal Board should include 40 per cent of Egyptian subjects to conform with the new Egyptian company law.

British quarters believe that the French Government will also object. The question is at present being considered, by British experts in international law and it is still unknown whether Britain will reject the proposal outright—on grounds that no purely Egyptian law can override the company's existing statutes—or whether the British Government will try to persuade the Egyptian Government to withdraw the proposal, taking the matter—if necessary—later to the Hague International Court. It seems that Britain intends to resist this Egyptian proposal to the utmost.—Reuter.

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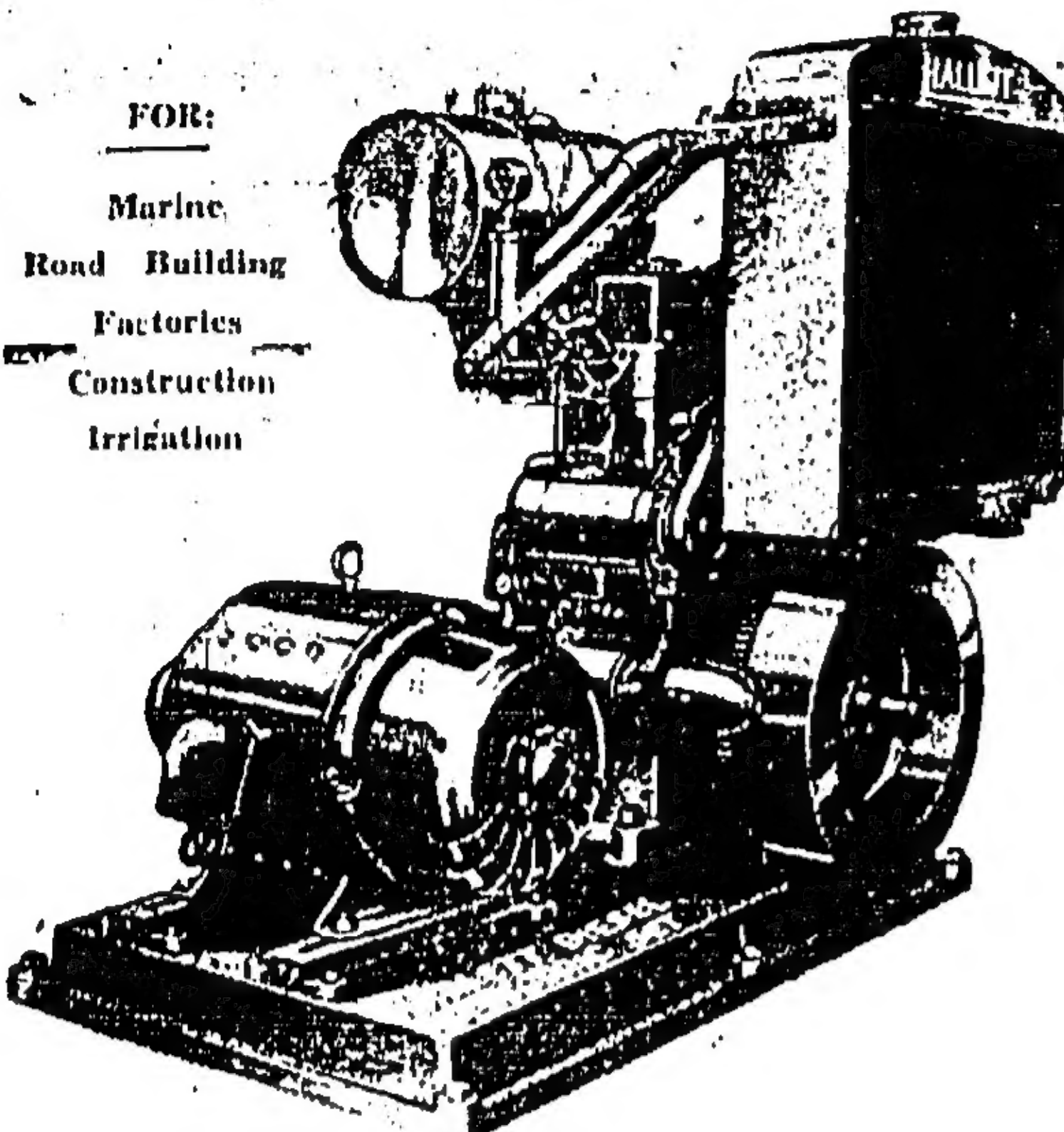


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## ALUMINIUM'S USE WITH FOOD IS LIMITED BY CORROSION

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The work represents a formidable task, references to the various aspects of the subject numbering no less than 867. The ground covered in the four sections includes: (1) The metal; (2) corrosion by aqueous solutions; (3) corrosion by food products; and (4) methods of protection.

## Film Weaknesses

The air-formed film of oxide on the surface of aluminium, now generally recognised as being responsible for the corrosion-resisting properties, may, according to various authorities on the subject, possess initial weaknesses and discontinuities due to the structure of the underlying metal, and it is likely to be less reliable under immersed conditions on aluminium alloys than on aluminium itself.

While weak points and breaks in the natural film are likely to be the initial sites of attack (anodic areas), the subsequent course of corrosion is influenced by a number of factors, including the potential differences arising both from conditions within the metal itself and from those external to the metal.

The film will show different degrees of resistance, under immersed conditions, according to the nature of the dissolved substances in solution, their concentrations, the temperature, the presence or absence of oxygen and other factors external to the metal.

Healing of breaks in the film of oxide may occur through anodic polarisation. Frequently a decisive factor in passivity or corrosion is the nature and solubility of the aluminium salt formed at anodic areas, and obviously the pH of the solution and the hydrolytic tendency of the salt are alike important and must be taken into consideration. Of the various impurities in aluminium, iron and copper have the greatest accelerating effect on corrosion.

Water-line attack of aluminium has been known to occur with ordinary water, sea water, salt solutions, and weak citric acid-sodium chloride solutions. It has been shown, in the case of the latter types of solutions, that corrosion at the liquid-air interface is influenced by temperature concentration of salt and the pH of the solution.

## Oxygen Important

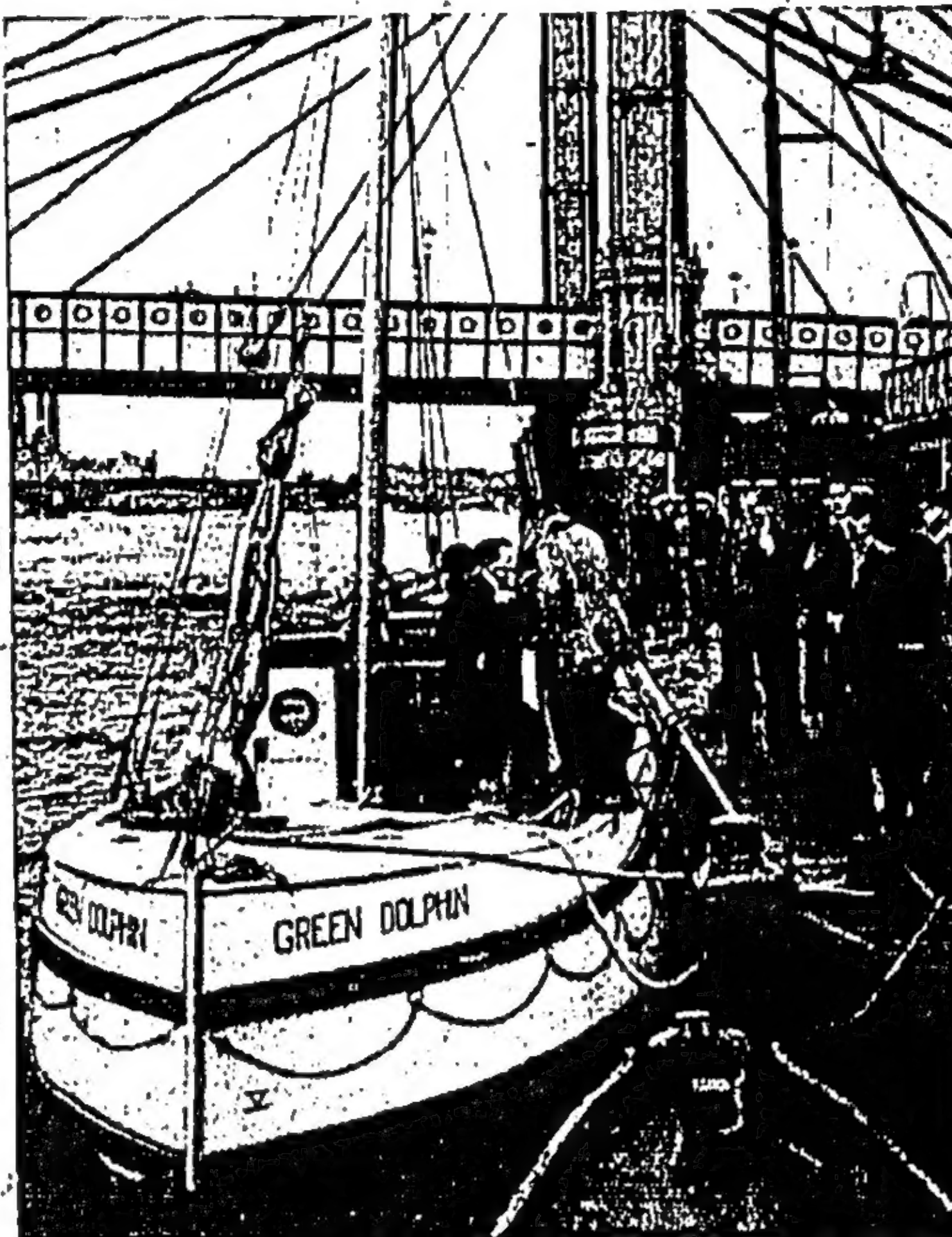
It has also been shown that oxygen plays an important part in water-line attack by sea water, even there is no marked action if the air is expelled by boiling. It has been noted that the deposit which forms at the liquid-air interface has a strongly acid reaction.

The presence of this acid deposit seems to rule out the possibility of the water-line attack being due to "differential-aeration" currents and solution of the film of oxide through the accumulation

The importance of aluminium in the food industry has increased steadily.

Many of the earlier troubles arising from the corrosion and pitting of aluminium has been largely overcome before the war, but the advantages and the limitations in its uses in connection with food were not fully appreciated.

## Non-Capsizable



The Gavkin non-capsizable reversible lifeboat which is to attempt an Atlantic crossing, arrived recently at Cadogan Pier, London. For over 30 years its inventor, Mr. H. A. Gavkin of Knightsbridge, London, has been trying to get the Board of Trade to realise its advantages. Experts from the Board sailed with her from Kings Lynn, Norfolk, to London to try her out, and it is now anticipated that she will be adopted.

The 'Green Dolphin,' the non-capsizable lifeboat, is shown above at Cadogan Pier, Chelsea, London.

of cathodically formed alkali, as suggested by one investigator. Moreover, cases have been reported where water-line attack has occurred even in the absence of oxygen.

Other explanations of the water-line attack suggested include enhanced reactivity at the liquid surface, while another view is that it is connected with surface tension. In other quarters it is considered that many instances of water-line attack may be due to the fact that the protective skin adheres to the water-air interface, thus exposing the metal.

The author's conclusion is that the mechanism of the attack of aluminium at the water-line is complicated and not yet fully understood.

## Effect Of Tap-water

There is much evidence that the corrosion of aluminium by tap-water varies considerably with the nature of the water and its dissolved mineral constituents, even though the total amount present is very small (rarely exceeding 0.1 per cent.). Waters containing free acid, and particularly those containing free alkali or chlorides, are likely to prove corrosive.

The objectionable dark stain, sometimes observed on the surface of aluminium cooking utensils, is due, ac-

of its use as a substitute for the tinplate can.

Pioneer work on the possibility of using aluminium as a substitute for tinplate was started in Norway during 1914-1918 in connection with fish-canning. The results of preliminary tests with aluminium cans containing fish were highly encouraging and, while certain difficulties were encountered, these were gradually overcome.

The rapid growth in the use of aluminium cans in Norway as an outcome of these developments is indicated by the fact that the number of cans used was 2,000,000 in 1933, 7,000,000 in 1934, and 12,000,000 in 1935. In general, aluminium comments itself for consideration for food containers on account of its physical, mechanical and chemical properties.

The metal lends itself to the engineering operations of bending or folding, forming, drawing or pressing and also to the less usual practices of spinning and impact extrusion.

The disadvantages of aluminium, however, are that its strength is lower than that of tin-plated steel of the same thickness, and this leads to problems in can-making and processing; also, the finished cans are much more liable to buckle or distort during handling.

## Aluminium Coatings

The difficulty would be eliminated if aluminium-coated steel or an alloy of aluminium of adequate strength could be used in place of aluminium itself for the fabrication of containers. Various mechanical processes have been devised for cladding or bonding aluminium and aluminium alloys to steel, the most important of which are the "cold-rolling" process developed and operated by the Trierer Walzwerk A.-G., and the "hot-rolling" process, invented by Jordan and operated on a commercial scale by the Wickeder Eisen and Stahlwerk G.m.b.H., and later by the Hotach Iron and Steel works.

The hot-rolling process is carried out at between 300 and 400 deg. C., using comparatively low pressures, while for cold-rolling higher pressures are used.

The object of conducting the process at ordinary temperature or not above 400 deg. C. is to prevent the formation of any brittle alloy layer.

The difficulty of preventing brittle layer forming when the material is annealed has also been overcome by using a special type of steel and modifying the composition of the aluminium, so as to permit annealing to be carried out at a temperature below that at which the brittle compound is formed.

## Grab Makers Claim Lead

With 60 different governments on its order book, a North of England firm of grab makers claims to have established a leading world position in this vital field of production.

How vital can be seen from the record of some of the uses to which its equipment is today being put. "Priestman" grabs are removing buildings on the St. Lawrence River, hidden rocks from trade routes in Tenerife Harbour, handling cargoes of palm kernels and peanuts in Africa, cement in India, coal on the coasts of Spain, pig-iron in Scandinavia, carrying out archaeological research and gypsum in South Africa, cryolite in Spitzbergen, driftwood from the upstream face of a Blue Nile dam, clay in Brazil, and coal, iron ore, sugar, beet, grain, timber and chemicals in ports, factories, coal mines, and power stations.

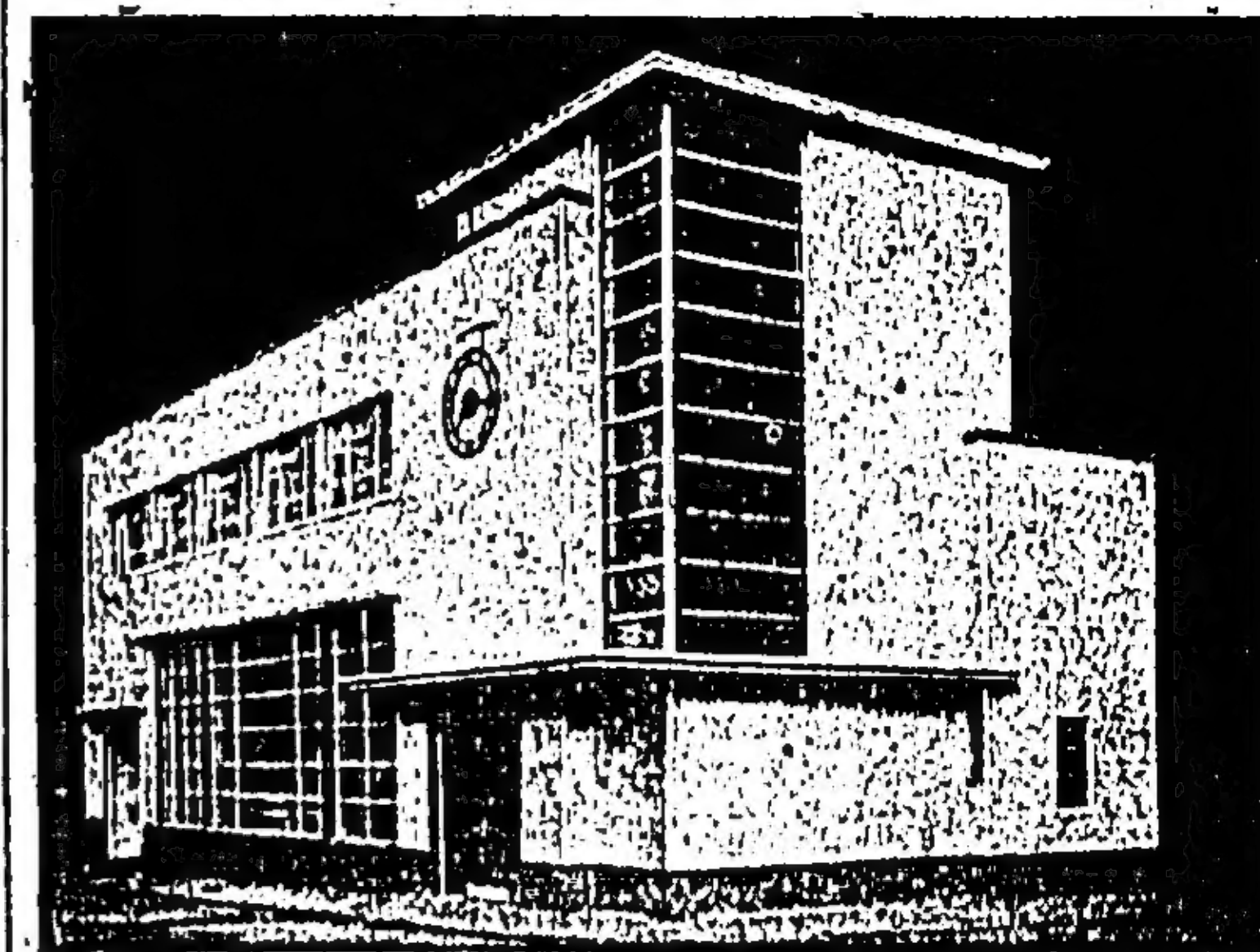
The firm (Priestman Bros. Ltd., of Moldersness Foundry, Hull.) claim to produce grabs for every purpose to which the grab can be put, whether it be handling household refuse for local authorities or taking samples from the ocean bed two and half miles below the surface for scientific research.

Today, nearly half as much tonnage again is being produced by this firm as compared with 1938. Yet its production staff has risen by only 10 per cent.

## WORK STARTS ON ALUMINIUM BRIDGE

Work has just begun in Britain on the world's first aluminium alloy bascule bridge. It will span a dock-entrance 30 feet wide at Sunderland and will cost £25,000.

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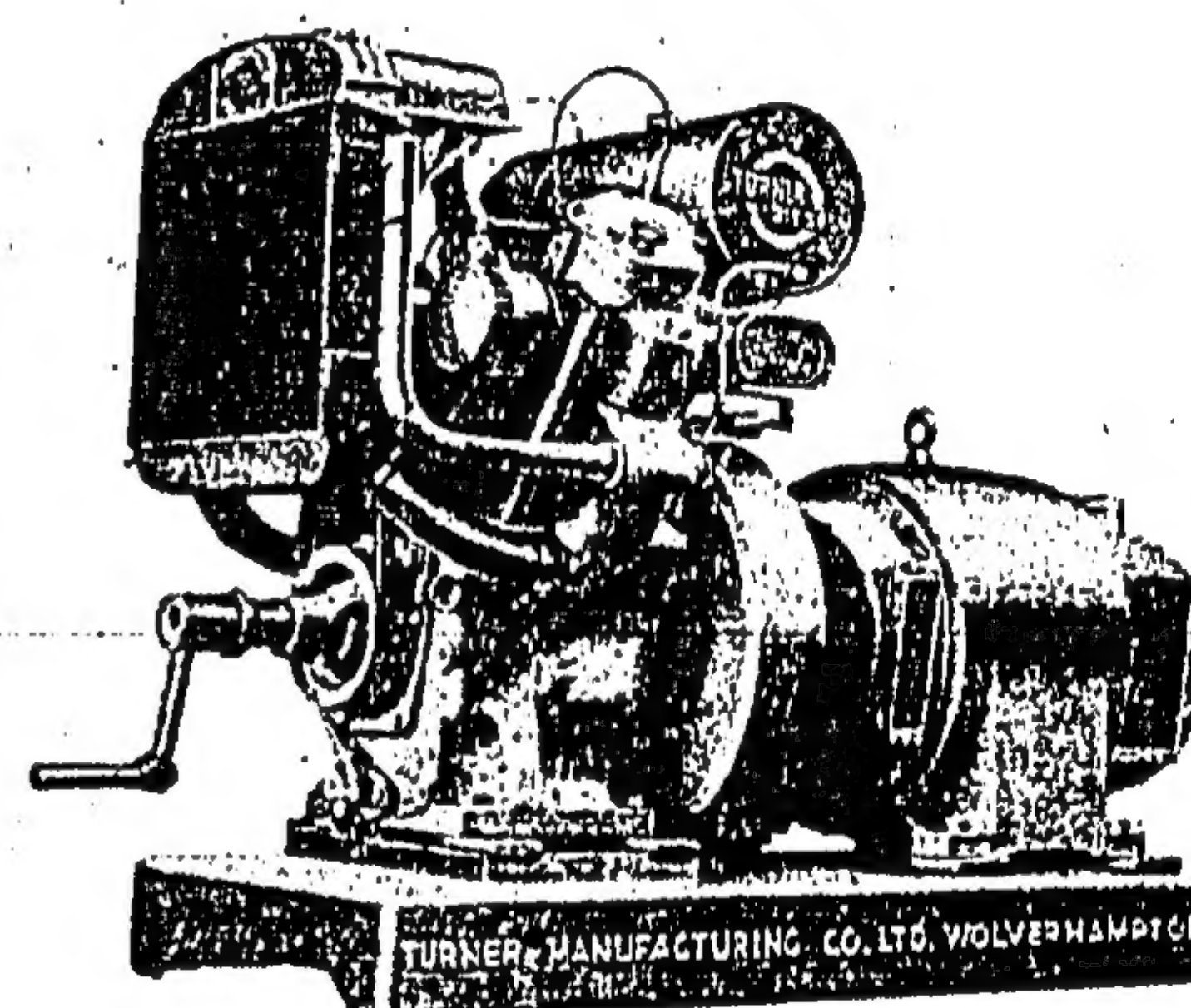
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# Blocking Communism Stated Part Of Commission's Work

Washington, September 22.

Blocking the spread of Communism in China was listed Tuesday as one of the principal objectives of the joint Chinese-United States commission on Rural Reconstruction in China.

Doctor Raymond Moyer and John Earl Baker, American members of the commission, in a press conference prior to their departure for China, said the commission would attempt to combat Red influence in China and improving conditions in rural China.

This project, part of the ECA programme for China, may be granted as much as US\$25,000,000 of ECA funds and must be outlined and in operation by next April 2, the day of which the present congressional authority for the ECA-China programme expires.

However, Moyer and Baker said, execution of the programme is likely to continue for several years beyond next April. They also said it is possible Congress may legislate further time and money for ECA assistance to China, but added they had not information on this at present.

Moyer and Baker will attempt to carry out the project in co-operation with the Commission's China members, the Dr. J. C. Chiang, Mr. Lin, J. C. Y. C. Lee and T. H. Shen. The Americans said "we have confidence from the National Government that the commission will receive the government's active support and co-operation. We are hopeful the programme will prove of great value to China."

## Early Start

Both Baker and Moyer said they expect to be in Nanking within a fortnight, where they will begin formulation of the project.

"They said that after the Commission outlines projects, they will be submitted to ECA authorities here for final approval.

The Americans said that while several years may be required to execute the Commission's work, the projects will be essentially short time undertakings.

The programme will be started at first in limited areas only, where we have the assurance of receiving the assistance and co-operation of provincial authorities."

They mentioned Kwangsi, Kwangtung, Chekiang, Hopei and Szechuan as likely starting places. —Associated Press.

## Jap Vessel Seized

Tokyo, September 20. The Japanese police said today that a Japanese fishing vessel had been seized by a ship, believed to be Russian, off Hokkaido, the northern island of Japan.

The Japanese news agency Kyodo said that the vessel, the Shinsai Maru, was on her way south from Mombetsu off the east coast of Hokkaido with a consignment of fish. The United States Navy headquarters in Tokyo refused to comment on the report. —Reuter.

## HYDERABAD COMPLAINT CONTINUES

Paris, September 21.

Mr. Zahir Ahmed, Secretary to the Hyderabad Ministry of External Affairs, said in Paris today that the Hyderabad delegation to the United Nations had still not received direct instructions from the Nizam to withdraw the complaint against India.

Mr. Ahmed was flying to London today to consult with the Foreign Minister, Nawab Nawaz Jung.

Mr. Ahmed told the Security Council yesterday that in the absence of any direct instructions to the delegation from the Nizam, the Security Council might not wish at that stage to discuss the matter from the agenda.

Mr. Ahmed said that when the Hyderabad case next comes up before the Security Council was "anybody's guess." —Reuter.

## Russia Demands Troops Withdraw From Germany

Berlin, September 21.

Russia demanded the immediate withdrawal of all occupation troops from Germany and blockaded Berlin today, as the centre of attention in the Berlin crisis shifted to Paris.

The Russian withdrawal demand, published in the official Soviet Army newspaper, *Pravda*, is believed to be part of the Soviet propaganda campaign to win German sympathy and embarrass the Western Powers.

The paper attempted to give the impression that German independence would be just around the corner if the Soviet demand was followed.

American officials in Washington said they believed the Russian demands for the withdrawal of all German occupa-

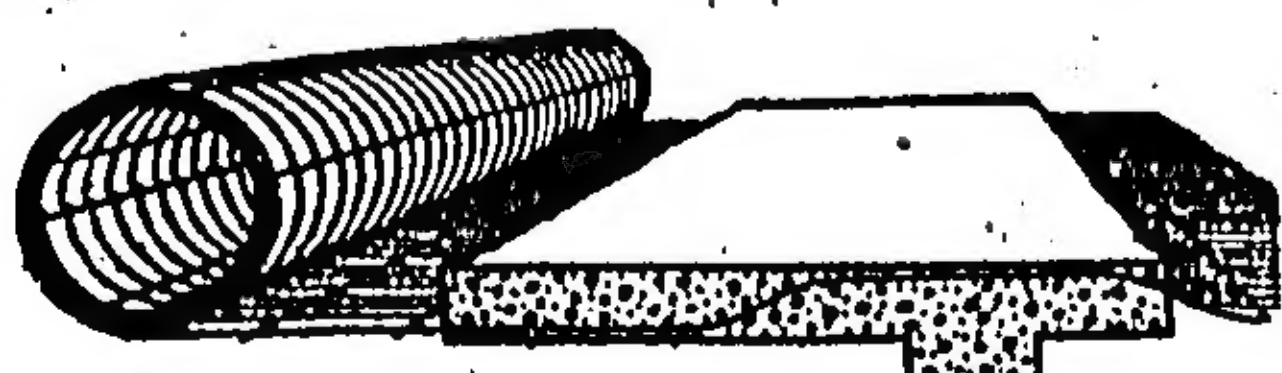
tion troops as part of the Soviet campaign to gain a free hand in Europe and the Far East.

"They said that the proposal on Germany fits in 'nicely' with the recent reports that Russia is planning a new eastern zone government backed by a large Communist controlled militia. Informants said that the militia force is estimated now at 100,000 men which could be expanded to seize control of all Germany if the four Powers withdrew their troops." —United Press.

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## Coarse Grain From Russia

London, September 21. Britain imported 525,627 tons of coarse grain from Russia between February and August 31 under the Anglo-Russian trade agreement of last December.

Mr. Arthur Bottomley, the Secretary for Overseas Trade, stated in Parliament today that the value of the grain was £18,735,207. —Reuter.

## Singapore Has Smart Transport

Singapore, September 22. Singapore is streamlining its transportation system. Modern chrome-plated trolley buses with pneumatic tires now carry 20,000 passengers a day, according to an official estimate.

Singapore is far ahead of most Far Eastern cities in transportation. Rickshaws, have been replaced by trishas—bicycles with side-cars.

A recent programme for the purchase of 50 trolley buses cost more than \$751,000,000.

Another 15 new buses should be in operation by the end of the year. The chassis came from England, consequently their arrival here depends on England's delivery programme. —Associated Press.

## STUDENTS DEMAND ABOLITION

Peking, September 22. The student bodies of five universities demanded the abolition of the special criminal tribunals. They condemned them as court martials in disguise and branded them as unconstitutional.

The students made known their views in a long written statement. They said since the special tribunals last month ordered the arrest of "several hundred innocent patriotic students on groundless charges of high treason," the universities in various big cities have undergone persecution unprecedented in history.

They added, "Citizens have been robbed of the right of habeas corpus and the dignity of educational institutions absolutely destroyed."

The student bodies concerned belonged to the Peking Normal, the National Peking, the Yenching, the Fungshing and the Sino-French Universities. —Associated Press.

## "BAD FAITH TOWARDS PEOPLE" SAYS SMUTS

Capetown, September 21.

General Jan Smuts, former Prime Minister, accused the South African Government today of bad faith towards the people of South Africa in its policy of racial segregation, which he said, meant a fundamental change in the constitution.

The Government is seeking a change in the political rights of Africans and he also asked Parliament to repeal a provision for representation rights of Indians in the Assembly.

General Smuts demanded that the Government should give an assurance that the representation of Africans should not be tampered with before appropriations bill (sanctioning budget expenditure) now before Parliament was passed.

The Prime Minister of South Africa, Dr. Malan, said that he wanted to emphasize again that it was the Government's intention to abolish native representation in the House of Assembly.

As an alternative, he continued, the Government wanted to introduce and develop self-governing bodies for natives in their own areas as soon as possible.

Dr. Malan said that the discussion which General Smuts had started was to a great extent premature.

There was no bill before the House embodying the issue. If it was necessary, he said, the Government would go to the people with a referendum to ask for the right to put aside any legal provisions that would prevent them from carrying out their segregation policy.

The whole future of South Africa, he said, was affected by the question of native representation in European areas and the approach of equality between Europeans and non-Europeans. The survival of white civilisation depended upon it. —Reuter.

## Huk Generalissimo Believed Escaped

Manila, September 22.

More than 1,300 Constabulary troops, reinforced by one Philippine Army battalion, pressed the Government drive against the Hukbalahaps in the Candaba Swamps north of Manila as field reports indicated that the Huk generalissimo, Luis Taruc, had escaped from the military trap. Dispatches from San Fernando, Pampanga Province, said a Constabulary Commando unit had reached Taruc's supposed hiding place, but found nothing but a field jacket which Taruc was believed to have worn in Manila during the truce period ending August 15.

Taruc, who is believed to have a bodyguard of 50 picked men, was reported yesterday—without confirmation—to have been killed. A high Constabulary officer discounted the report, but said it was possible.

The Government estimated that there were 700 Huk in the swamps at the start of the campaign two weeks ago, but declined to give an estimate of disident losses. The Candaba Swamps are surrounded by troops.

While additional Constabulary troops were preparing for the final drive on the Huk, Huk units were reported to be terrorizing villages in Nueva Ecija Province. Eleven persons were reported killed in four barrios when houses were fired upon and then burned. Eight men in one town were rounded up, tied and slain. —United Press.

## SHIP ON FIRE AND AGROUND

New York, September 20.

The captain of the 4,798-ton Greek steamer Orion, aground and on fire in the strait of Belle Isle between Labrador and Newfoundland, radioed tonight that an explosion had occurred in one of the holds. He asked for immediate help. The message said: "Have been wounded and is still aground, and still afire. Captain ordered abandonment ship."

The Royal Canadian Airforce reported that one of their planes had sighted the burning ship on Flower Island at the entrance to the strait of Belle Isle.

The New York coast guard Cutter Androsoggin, about 440 miles east of the burning vessel, was today steaming full speed to the rescue and was expected to reach the Orion about 9 a.m. tomorrow. —Reuter.

## RELOCATION OF S'HAU DPs

Shanghai, September 22.

Local officials of the International Refugee Organisation are studying a transportation scheme which may enable Shanghai displaced persons, cleared with the authorities, to be relocated in other countries, according to the China Press.

If the scheme proves feasible, it is expected to save both time and expense in DP repatriation and relocations from China. Under the plan envisaged, the IRO, with the prior approval of the Governments concerned, will send DPs to staging ports, possibly in Australia and Singapore, where United Nations charter vessels will pick them up for trips to resettlement areas.

Charter ships are said to be coming to South East Asia and other Pacific areas on relocation assignments from Europe. They will carry Far Eastern DPs to Europe on their return trips. About 2,000 DPs here are technically eligible for special IRO transportation services if and when approved. —Reuter.

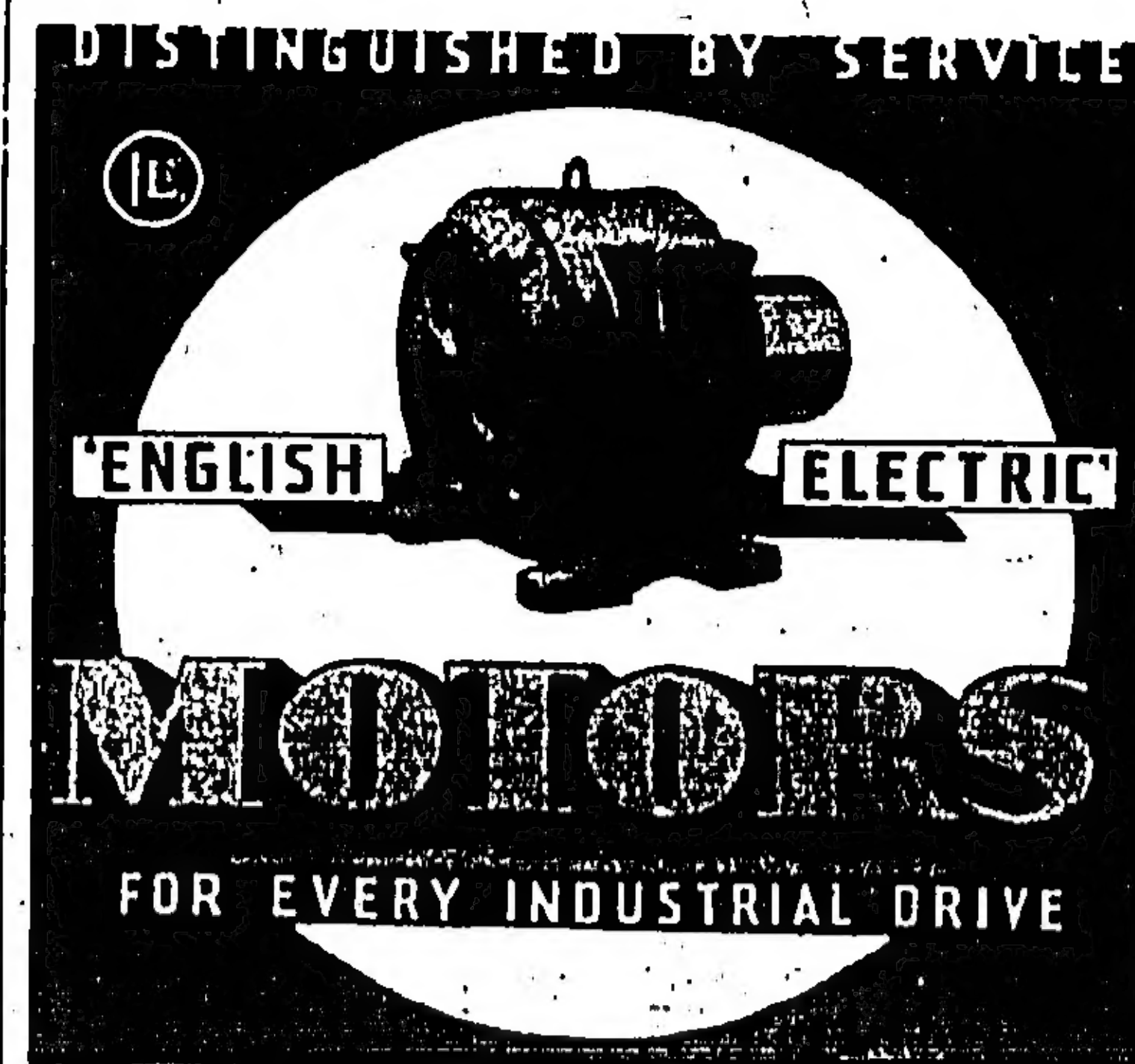
## ARABS MAY REJECT PALESTINE REPORT

Cairo, September 21.

The newspaper *Al Misi* quoted Abdel Rahman Azzam Pasha today as saying the Arab states will reject Count Folke Bernadotte's report to the United Nations on Palestine.

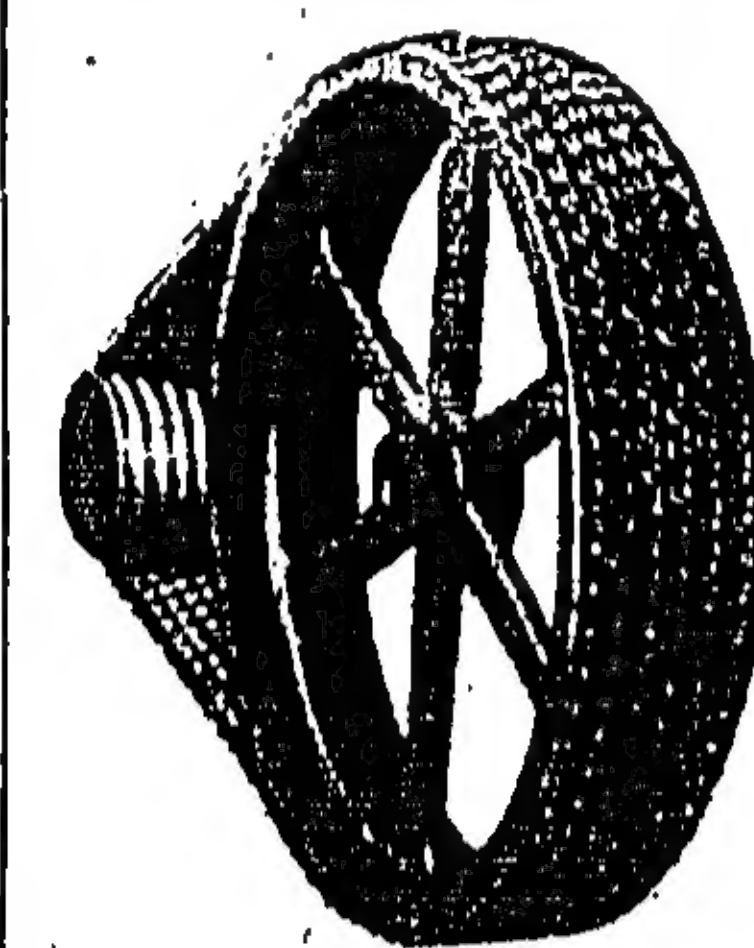
Azzam Pasha, Secretary-General of the Arab League said the Arab countries are in accord regarding the measures they will take to prevent the evils plotted against Palestine.

He did not elaborate. —Associated Press.



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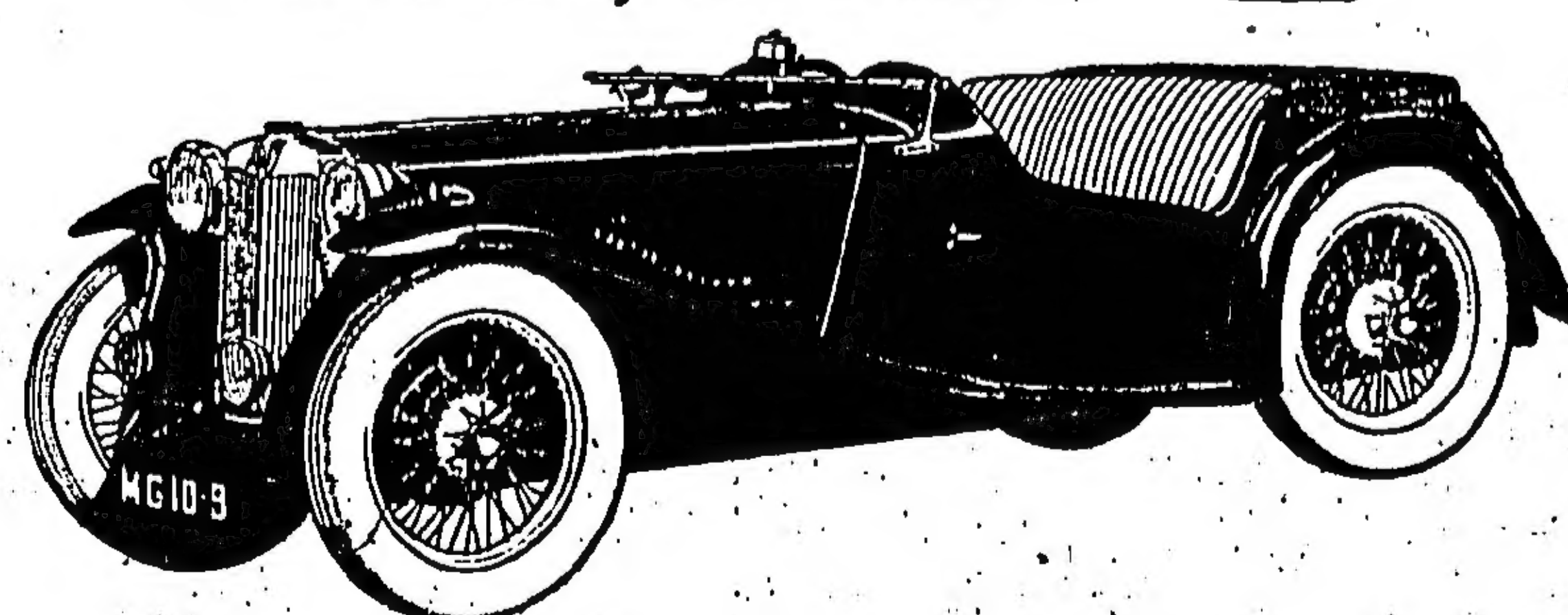
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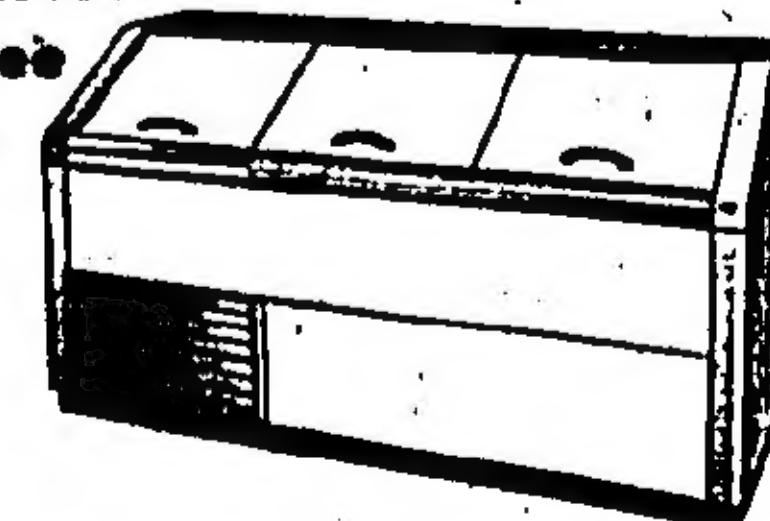
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## Northolt Airport Lacks Facilities

London, September 21.

When the enquiry was resumed today into the collision of two aircraft at Northolt airport, London, with the death of 39 people, including Sir Edward Gent, then High Commissioner for Malaya, an official of the Swedish Air Lines said that his company was not satisfied with the arrangements for bringing planes in in bad weather.

He said that his company bought Cloudmaster planes on the understanding that the instrument landing system would be installed at all airports they would use, but Northolt had not yet got I.L.S.

Wing Commander Desmond Catell, Chief Navigation Officer of the Royal Air Force Transport Command Headquarters, said that the York plane was bringing Sir Edward Gent from Singapore and should have experienced no difficulty in landing "because her crews are trained to bad weather conditions."

Mr. A.R. Patterson representing Swedish Air Lines, questioned Wing Commander Catell about the experience of the crew of the York plane. The Wing Commander said that the crew, without exception, were "Category D," which meant that they had no recent experience of flying on the particular route concerned. Mr. Patterson said, "It is not unlikely that these people had no recent experience of the metropolitan control zone."

Mr. Patterson said, "It is a reasonable assumption to make, but I cannot personally see any difference between the metropolitan zone and any other zone," replied Wing Commander Catell.

Mr. Patterson: "Are you saying that you do not think local experience of landing at a particular airport is of value?"

Wing Commander Catell: "That is exactly what I am saying."

Mr. Patterson: "Can you tell me how it came about that Sir Edward Gent was being carried by a 'D' group?"

Wing Commander Catell: "To my knowledge he was wanted back in England in a hurry and this was considered a sufficiently experienced crew to take him back."

## Minister Denies Rumour

Shanghai, September 22.

The Finance Minister, Mr. Wang Yun Wu, who is leaving this morning for the United States, denied current reports last night that he would seek official recognition of the gold yuan foreign exchange rate from the International Monetary Fund and negotiate a loan from either the United States Government or the International Bank during his sojourn in Washington.

He branded as a malicious rumour what he described as Communist-inspired reports that the gold yuan note issue is having an inflationary trend.

Mr. Wang said the note issue up to the end of August was only 29,300,000 Gold Yuan, or about one-seventh of the total prescribed issue of 2,000 million Gold Yuan.

He said that he felt assured of the Hong Kong Government's co-operation in the common effort to stamp out smuggling in South China.—Reuter.

## This Barber Is Really Best

Madras, September 21.  
Three Madras barbers who became wealthy in Malaya returned home and started shops of their own in one of the busiest streets of the city.

The first called his shop: "The Best in India." And the second, to excel his rival, called his: "The Best in the World."

The third, more shrewd than the rest, made no pretensions to world fame. He simply styled his shop: "The Best in the Street."—Associated Press.

## Mass Rally Called For Coloured People

London, September 21.

A mass rally was called here today for next Thursday to urge coloured people to "join the fight for human rights" in Britain and the Commonwealth.

The meeting is organised from Swarth House, an Indian Nationalist organisation here. Letting author-politician, Mr. Fenner Brockway, will preside and speakers will include Mr. Ullrich Butler, coloured Trade-Union leader from Trinidad.

A broadsheet in scarlet and black announced that the purpose of the rally was to protest against:

1. The South African Government treatment of non-Europeans.
  2. The shooting of defenceless workers in the Gold Coast, British Guiana, Kenya, Malaya and Tanganyika.
  3. The suppression of national movements and trade unions in the colonies.
  4. Racial riots at Birmingham and Liverpool.
- Other speakers at the rally will include Professor Nath Ganguly, author and lecturer, Dr. H.B. Morgan, Labour member of Parliament, and Mr. Akbar Khan, of the Indian Workers Association.—Reuter.

## BELGIAN SENATE DELIBERATES ON VOTE FOR LEOPOLD'S RETURN

Brussels, September 21.

Forty Belgian Senators decide today whether the public will have an opportunity to vote on the question of the return of King Leopold the Third.

King Leopold has been in exile in Switzerland since he was freed from German custody at the end of the war.

If the Senators decide the people should be consulted, there is no need for King Leopold to start packing. Their report first must go back to Parliament to be approved. Then, when a Referendum Law has been drafted, the date for a plebiscite must be set.

Actually it is not a plebiscite that is being considered today but what Parliamentarians call a "Consultative Referendum." In other words, although the Belgian citizen may be asked for his opinion, the majority vote which results will not necessarily be binding on the government.

If the Referendum eventually takes place, all Belgian men and women over 21 will be called on to vote. Only known collaborators with the Germans will be barred. Voting will be obligatory and secret as it is in communal elections. Belgians who do not vote in elections are a fine unless they have a valid excuse.

## Not Invitation

Leopold himself will be informed of the result of the vote but that will be by no means an invitation to return.

The Senate and Chamber of Deputies first would have to meet, then a law would have to be passed ending the present Regency of Leopold's brother, Prince Charles. For only Parliament, which proclaimed the Regency, can invite the King's return.

Ever since the end of the war Belgian politicians have debated from the platform for or against the exiled King and his alleged relations with the Germans during the country's Nazi occupation. Belgian displeasure over Leopold's abrupt surrender to Germany and his refusal to leave Belgium when occupation was imminent, have prevented his returning to Belgium.

The 40 Senators will represent

all the main parties in the present Parliament.

The work of the Commission is expected to last two or three days. Its decision will be kept secret until discussed in a public session of the Senate, probably in mid-October.—Associated Press.

## Danish Delegation For Britain

London, September 21.

A Foreign Office spokesman announced tonight that a Danish Parliamentary delegation will arrive in Britain on October 11 at the invitation of the British Government.

It is expected its members will have informal discussions on the administrative problems of the German frontier province of Schleswig-Holstein which contains a considerable Danish minority.

The date of the forthcoming Anglo-Danish round table conference on the South Schleswig which Britain agreed earlier this summer is still unaltered. When it meets it will review officially all issues outstanding between Britain and Denmark in connection with the British administration of Schleswig-Holstein.

It will consider in particular the allegation that the Danish minority has been swamped through the influx of German refugees from the East and also the Danish wish for the administrative separation of Schleswig and Holstein.

The conference is not likely to take place until the pressure of business resulting from the Berlin crisis and the United Nations Assembly has eased.—Reuter.

## Conductor Kisses On

London, September 21.

An unidentified bus conductor, apparently suffering from a "heart attack," suddenly began kissing women passengers as they stepped off his bus during the noon rush today.

Some women screamed. Others called the police.

The conductor was hustled off to a hospital for observation. A transportation official said the conductor had apparently been taken ill.—United Press.

## IMPROVEMENT REPORTED IN MANCHURIA

Peking, September 22.

Pro-Government dispatches reported a big improvement in the military situation in Manchuria.

The dispatches said strong Nationalist forces were dispersing the Reds who have been active in the direction of Haincheng, rail town 65 miles north of the Great Wall and the supply port of Huludao.

They claimed more than 1,000 Reds killed in this process.

The reports said there was no fighting around Jialan, 30 miles north of the Nationalist base at Chinnelan, 105 miles inside Manchuria.

Previous dispatches said the Reds were trying to take Jialan as a prelude to an assault on Chinnelan itself. They said 10,000 Reds from the north crossed the Faling River in a thrust toward Chinnelan. The river crosses the Peking-Mukden railway 10 miles north of this base.—Associated Press.

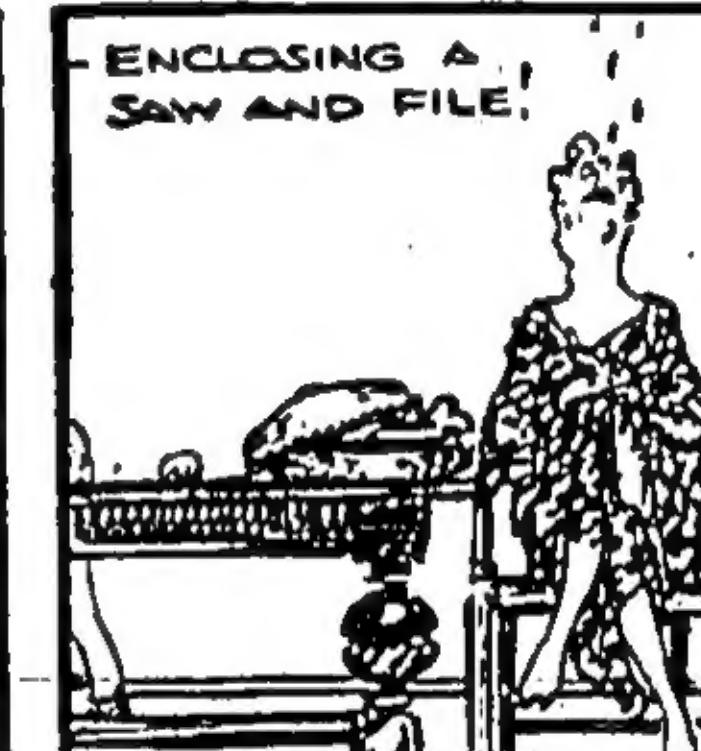
## No US Wheat For Britain

London, September 21.

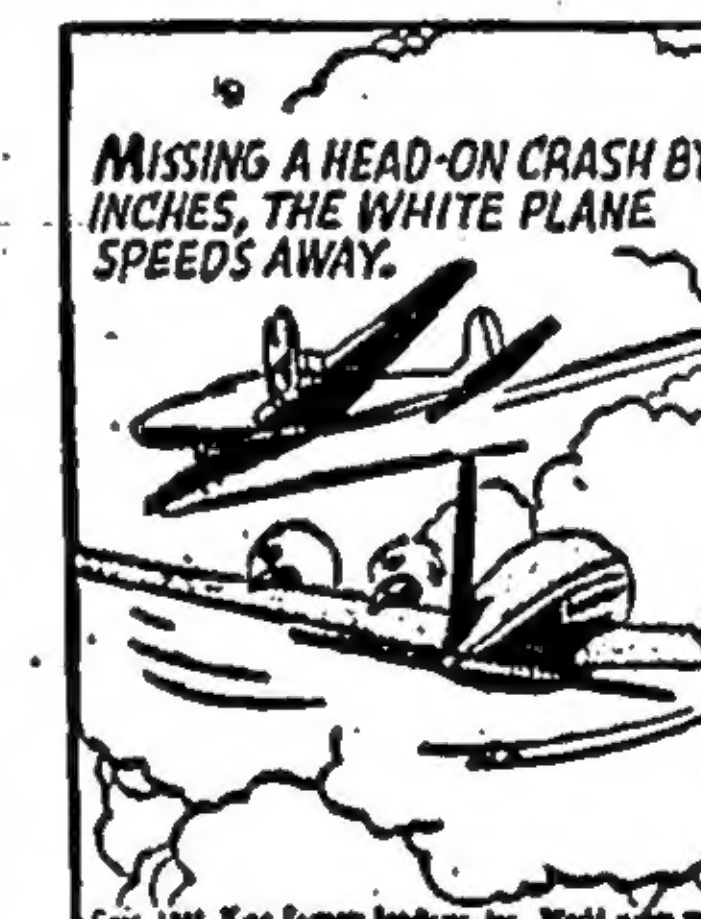
Mr. John Strachey, the Food Minister, told a press conference that Britain would not buy a single bushel of US bumper wheat and corn crops this year in continuation of her dollar saving campaign.

He said that Britain had stopped buying American food in August, 1947 when it was decided to plug the \$48,000,000 a month draft of the scarce dollar. He said that Britain would, however, buy 140,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat.—United Press.

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"TASMAN"	from Java	to Amoy	11th Oct.

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"STRAAT MALAKKA"	In port	to Shanghai	20th Sept.
"BOISSEvain"	from South America	to South Africa & South America	25th Sept.
"TJIKAMPEK"	from South Africa	to South Africa & South America	10th Nov.
"TEGELBERG"	from South Africa	to South Africa & South America	18th Nov.

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## FINANCE AND COMMERCE

# CHINA MUST RELAX BAN ON REMITTING PROFITS ABROAD

Shanghai, September 21.

Foreign investments in China—for the past three years of an ab—may soon be diverted to more profitable and hospitable markets unless the Chinese Government relaxes its post-war ban on remittances of profits abroad. This is the opinion of a well-known foreign businessman here who, in an article, appearing in the Shanghai Evening Post under the pen-name of "Merchant," believes that foreign capital—vital to the development of China—should be invited and encouraged. But, he points out, foreign capital will not be invested in China unless provision is made to get the profits out of the country.

## London Stock Exchange

London, September 21.  
International politics continue to be the dominating factor on the London Stock Exchange. The trading volume was again small today with prices generally moving to slightly lower levels.

Tobacco, textile and brewery were particularly affected. Aircraft and motor shares were occasionally easier on profit-taking.

Government stocks showed occasional declines of 1/16. There was a slight revival of speculative activity in Brazilian utility issues. Buying was prompted by hopes of news concerning the takeover of these companies by the Brazilian Government. Railway and tramway stocks gained several points.

Merchandise trading in foreign bonds produced falls of half a point among European issues. South African "miners" opened bright on Cape support for Free State issues. The upward movement, however, was short-lived and in afternoon this section eased slightly under the heat.

RECEIPTS:  
British Consols, 2 1/2% 1951, 105 1/2  
Funding Loan, 4 1/2%, 1960/60, 114 1/2  
War Loan, 4 1/2%, 1952, 108 1/2  
War Loan, 4 1/2%, 1954, 104 1/2  
Victory Bonds, 4 1/2%, 114 1/2

### RAILWAY SHARES

British Transport, 2 1/2% 1951, 90 1/2

### INDUSTRIALS

Associated Portland Cement, 7 1/2

British American Tobacco (Inf), 5 1/4

British Colours, 2 1/2, 29 1/2

Calcutta Electric, 3 1/2

Calcutta Tramways, 3 1/2

Carreras Ltd. ("A") ord., 5 1/2

J. & P. Coats, ord., 41 1/2

Curtis, ord., 38 1/2

Dunlop Rubber Co., ord., 27 1/2

Electric & Musical Industries, 17 1/2

Fine Cotton Spinners & Doublers Association, 20 1/2

Ford Motor Co., ord., 40 1/2

Imperial Chemical Industries, ord., 43 1/2

Imperial Tobacco Co. (Inf), 5 1/4

Indian Iron & Steel Co., ord., 38 1/2

Internat'l Nickel of Canada, ord., 40 1/2

Lever Brothers & Unilever, ord., 42 1/2

Alka-Seltzer, ord., 40 1/2

Planch Johnson, ord., 32 1/2

Rammuzur Jute, 44 1/4

Standard Motors, ord., 27 1/2

Victory Ltd., ord., 10 1/2

Woolworth (F.W.) Co., ord., 29 1/2

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National West Bonds, 2 1/2%, 102 1/2

1949/51, 101 1/2

1952/54, 102 1/2

1954/56, 102 1/2

1957/59, 102 1/2

Savings Bonds, 3 1/2, 102 1/2

1957/58, 102 1/2

1959/60, 101 1/2

1960/61, 101 1/2

Exchequer Bonds, 4 1/2%, 100 1/2

Redemption Stock, 3 1/2, 100 1/2

### FOREIGN BONDS

Ceylon Loan (Dawson), 7 1/2, 8 1/2

Japanese 5 1/2, 1907/41, 25 1/2

Japanese 6 1/2, 1924/29, 30

Jap. S. Manchurian Ry., 6 1/2, 1923, 31 1/2

### BANKS

Chartered Bank of I.A. & C., 11 1/2

Eastern Bank, 8 1/2

Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank, 18 1/2

Lloyds Bank "A", 6 1/2

Mercantile Bank of India "A", 21 1/2

National Bank of India, 20 1/2

"Banks and merchant houses should be permitted to remit abroad up to 10 per cent of the amount of capital employed," he writes, adding that the Government "should not haggle or hesitate over taking this important step. At comparatively slight expense, it could re-establish foreign confidence in China."

Dealing with the nation's economic controls in general, "Merchant" says that China should launch an export drive "even at the expense of the domestic market." He states that "everything should be sacrificed for exports. This is what is being done in England and the same attitude should be adopted by China."

"It is well-known that the closing of the Yangtze River to foreign shipping has been a handicap to the export trade. Before this short-sighted policy was adopted, ocean-going vessels from New York or Liverpool could land and discharge cargo at Pukow (Nanking) or Hankow, thus saving the enormous cost of transshipment from Shanghai. This beneficial arrangement is now impossible due to the selfishness of a few monopolistic shipowners."

"The authorities," he continues, "in their export drive should certainly throw the river open again and bring the vital export cargo to port in as cheap and as direct a manner as possible. As the authorities have fearlessly tackled the black-market operators, so they should fearlessly approach this problem of river and coastal shipping, and bring back the assistance of foreign shipping lines as rapidly as possible."

### Private Enterprise

In the meantime, "private enterprise in China" should be encouraged, and state trading and manufacturing should cease. The Chinese are more individual than any other nation in the world. That is why there are no large joint stock companies. They do not co-operate well with others. All the large concerns are family affairs, and very often even the members of the same family fall out, and start up separate enterprises of their own.

"It will take a few more years in the industrial age of China before large-scale co-operation in business will be fully adopted. It follows then that state management by Government officials is always inefficient and cumbersome."

"The recrimination, mistrust and internal feuds in these organizations spell failure from the start. The system of checking and counter-checking in the Government-owned China Textile Industries makes it impossible to get things done."

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